

DISCUSSION:

Discuss the question cluster below

(As much or as little as works for your group and in any order you like)

Feel free to break off into smaller groups if it helps you share more personally

We're continuing a sermon series called, "Exodus: Out of Darkness. Into Light." In it we'll focus on the story of God delivering his people out of the darkness of the soul-crushing oppression, enslavement and genocide they faced in Egypt and into the light of life with him. The hope is that through this story we will come to see the persistence of God's light, hope and faithfulness amidst the frequent darkness in our own lives and our world.

I. This week, we looked at an unexpected threat God's people face in their early wilderness wanderings. Through our text (Ex.17:8-16) we spent time talking about how we and God respond to the unexpected challenges of our lives. We were able to see how this threat found God's people already weary and worn out. We also saw how Moses responded to the threat by looking back on the ways God had already delivered them in faith. And we saw how God commanded Moses to write this story down so we would learn to look back on how God has delivered us and put our faith in him. Let's discuss how these things impact our lives.

- A. What connected with you from the sermon or from the passage?
- B. Is there an unexpected challenge you've faced recently?
 - 1. *What do you tend to turn to when you face something unexpected?*
 - 2. *How might God be calling you to learn how to look to him in faith more in those moments?*
- C. What's a way or two God has provided for you in the past? Or even recently?
 - 1. *What was it like before you knew how he would provide? How did you feel after?*
 - 2. *What's something you/ we could start doing to live v.14 out more and commemorate the moments of God's deliverance in our lives?*
- D. What are some stories of God's deliverance in Scripture that really stick with you?
 - 1. *How might God be using those even now to strengthen you and provide for you against future challenges?*