

Series: NEW TERRITORY

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Message: Where is the Water?

Text: Exodus 15:22-27

DIGGING DEEPER GUIDE

BIG IDEA: THE WILDERNESS IS A PLACE TO LEARN

Getting Started

Share a time when you "went for a drive" or a trip without a specific destination in mind. What was energizing or frustrating about it? Why?

Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think the Israelite people, having so recently seen God's awesome power, could complain so soon?
2. If you were Moses, how would you have responded to the people's complaints?
3. Why didn't God lead the people to sweet water in the first place (Elim was only seven miles from Marah)? What was He trying to teach the people?
4. When are you most likely to complain and why? What can help you to step back and see God's hand of provision in the midst of your situation?
5. Are you most open to God's leading in good times or difficult times? Why?
6. Share about a time when God turned something bitter into something sweet. What happened? How did you respond?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind today?

Prayer: Lord, thank you for these challenging and uncertain days. Help us to lean into You and trust You in an even greater way. When we are tempted to complain, help us to pause and remember your provision. Grow us in character to be the people you have called us to be. Amen.

Going Deeper: Read about the other times when the Israelites complained in Scripture (Exodus 16:2, 17:3, Numbers 14:2, 16:11,41). What patterns do you see? How did the leader respond? How did God respond?

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

"Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter...So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, 'What are we to drink?' Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet...Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water." Exodus 15:22-27