

Sermon: Trust, Don't Test, the Lord.
Series: Exodus: From Slavery to Glory.

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-16.
Date: February 12, 2023

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) Read Exodus 3:12. What promise did God make to Moses and the people of Israel? In what ways has he kept this promise so far in the story?
- b) How does this chapter show the grace and compassion of God?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) The Israelites ask "Is God among us or not?" When have you asked this or a similar question about God?
- b) Moses says that the Israelites are testing God (v2). Are there any ways that you are testing God? Think about if there are any things that you are expecting God to do that he never promised he would do.

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-4. In what ways is Paul connecting the exodus and the wilderness to our relationship with Jesus? He calls Christ the Rock. How is the striking of the rock in Exodus 17 a picture of Jesus and the cross?

APPLICATION

- a) The Israelites will never be slaves in Egypt again but they will still have to fight the Amalekites. In the same way we will never be slaves to sin again, but we will still have to battle sin in our lives from our freedom. Where is Jesus (the better Joshua) actively fighting sin in your life lately. Think about: how can you tell when it is Jesus fighting your sin and not yourself trying to overcome sin on your own?
- b) Aaron and Hur help Moses lift the staff over his head. Who is actively helping you keep your faith focused on Christ? Who are you helping in this way?

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 Peter 2:9-10.

PRAYER

- Thank God for his gracious satisfaction of all your needs and wants in Christ.
- Confess ways that you have tested God.
- Thank Jesus for being stricken for you on the cross.
- Ask God to help you to simply trust him, drinking from the life of Christ.