

## **Covenant Group Guide - October 10, 2021**

### **Group Meetings:**

A good way to organize your group discussion is to focus on the sermon and preaching passage from Sunday. This week's preaching passage is: **Exodus 16:1-18**. Reflect on the passage and the sermon together and share words and thoughts that stood out to you from both. If you weren't able to hear the sermon on Sunday, it can be viewed on the church's YouTube page.

### **Here are some questions that may help you begin your conversation:**

1. God has recently freed the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt, leading them through the Red Sea in a miraculous way. Less than two months later the same people are "grumbling" about the state of their life in the wilderness. What do you think makes people move so quickly from an attitude of gratitude to discontentment?
2. God's Word makes it clear that though the "grumbling" appears to be aimed at Moses, the people are really grumbling about God. (v.6-8) Can you recognize moments in your life when you "grumbled" against an individual even though it was really the God ordained circumstances of your life, not the person, that upset you? If you are willing, please share with your group about this recognition.
3. Though undeserving, God continues to look upon his people with grace and mercy. Though they grumbled against him, God provides enough bread and meat each day and uses this provision as a test for his people. (v.4) In what ways might God's provision also be putting us to the test today?

### **Personal Daily Readings:**

The daily readings listed below follow the Narrative Lectionary for 2021-2022. As the name suggests, as you read each day's passage, spend time reflecting on how God's story continues to unfold through the scriptures and how we are connected to it.



**This week's readings**

**Sunday:** Exodus 16:1-18

**Thursday:** Joshua 24:2-25

**Monday:** Numbers 21:4-9

**Friday:** Judges 5:1-31

**Tuesday:** Deuteronomy 5:1-22; 6:1-9

**Saturday:** 1 Samuel 1:20-2:11

**Wednesday:** Joshua 1:1-9

As you read each day consider the following questions:

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
2. Where did you see an example of God's blessing?
3. What from the passage can I apply to my life?

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Typical Meeting Format**

1. Spend time throughout the week reading the daily Scripture passages.
2. Spend time sharing and getting to know each other.
3. Open scripture time in prayer
4. Briefly review last week's lesson
5. Read the current week's scripture as a group
6. Go through the Covenant Group Guide questions
7. As your group goes through the questions, encourage one another to bring up words or phrases that stick out to each person for further conversation.
8. As you close, be sure to take notes of words or ideas the group would like to investigate further.
9. Determine how you would like to go about gaining additional information regarding those words or ideas. (The church staff and pastors are able to assist as needed)
10. Share joys and concerns and close in prayer.