

LIFE GROUPS

Text: Exodus Chapter 17-18

1. In Exodus 17:1-4 – we again see Israel fall into complaining against the Lord and contending with Moses in a time of genuine need. In times of genuine need, do you find yourself more like Israel who sought to blame someone else, or are you more like Moses who turns to the Lord in prayer?
2. What are some ways we can ensure that in such times we turn to God for help, rather than turning to others to blame? Can you think of any scripture that helps to develop these thoughts?
3. Israel attempted to twist the arm of the Lord and test Him on His ability to provide as well as His presence among them. 17:7 What do you think was at the root of this approach? As you consider your own prayer life, has there ever been a time when you related to God in such a way? What may have been a better way to approach God for help?
4. In 17:8-13 we see Israel experience another great victory over an unexpected attack and the importance that intercession played in that victory. Moses prayed, Aaron and Hur held up his arms, Joshua chose men and fought. If you were to play a role in the leadership of Israel at this time, who would you most resemble? Are you being faithful to the role that God has called you to fulfil in His body today?
5. Moses was a great leader, but he didn't know everything. Thankfully, he had Jethro who was able to offer him good advice that would make his life a bit easier and his leadership more effective. Are there people in your life who can offer such counsel? When you are offered seek the Lord and act accordingly?