

Small Group Guide



Learning from Israel's Wilderness Experience

Opening Question: Share a time when you faced a challenging situation and how it affected your faith.

Key Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:1-11

Main Points:

1. Do not be idolaters
2. Avoid sexual immorality
3. Do not test Christ
4. Do not grumble

Discussion Questions:

1. Idolatry:
 - What are some modern-day idols that people struggle with?
 - How can we identify potential idols in our own lives?
 - Discuss the four questions mentioned in the sermon to help identify idols.
2. Testing God:
 - How did the Israelites test God in the wilderness?
 - In what ways might we be tempted to test God today?
 - How does Jesus' response to Satan's temptation guide us in not testing God?
3. Grumbling:
 - Why does God view grumbling as such a serious issue?
 - How does grumbling affect our perspective of God and our circumstances?

- What's the difference between honestly expressing pain and grumbling?
4. Gratitude:
- How can gratitude serve as an antidote to grumbling?
 - What aspects of God's character can we focus on to cultivate gratitude?

Key Takeaways:

1. Our ultimate trust and security should be in God alone, not in other "gods" or idols.
2. Testing God by demanding proof of His love or power goes against trusting Him fully.
3. Grumbling is not just complaining about circumstances, but an accusation against God's character and control.
4. Gratitude, especially for who God is, helps combat the tendency to grumble.

Closing Prayer: Thank God for His faithfulness, even in challenging times. Ask for His help in trusting Him more fully, avoiding idolatry, and cultivating a heart of gratitude.