

Week of November 24, 2019
Discussion Questions – Exodus 16:1-8

LOOK BACK

Last week you shared with your Life Group a situation that was causing you stress. **Did the situation change at all? Choose the answer that fits best. Explain.**

- a. It got better. #GodisGood
- b. It got worse. #Ugh
- c. Um, it's still a work in process. #moreprayerplease
- d. Let's never speak of this again. #disaster

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Exodus shares the story of the ancient Hebrew people. It tells how God freed them from slavery in Egypt. Before the Hebrews were liberated, their captors subjected them to physical, mental and emotional abuse. Eventually, they became a free people, but life was still difficult and painful. As they moved further and further from their old life of slavery, they began to forget how bad their circumstances used to be.

Read Exodus 16:1-3. **In what ways can we be like the ancient Israelites in these verses?**

Have you ever tried to make a positive change in your life, but felt like things were getting worse instead of better? Why do you think that happens?

At this point in the narrative, the ancient Israelites didn't show God much gratitude. How does being ungrateful affect us?

Read Exodus 16:3. This sounds like they were exaggerating their problems. **Do you think most people tend to exaggerate or downplay their problems? Explain.**

God promised to feed the Israelites but they had to follow his instructions. This was a test. Read Exodus 16:4-5. **When you were in school, what was the purpose of a test?**

Can you share a time when God tested your faith? Did you pass or fail? Be honest.

Read Exodus 16:6-8. **What thoughts or questions come to mind when you hear the phrase, "they grumbled against the Lord"?**

PRAY

Let's offer 1 sentence prayers that start with, "Lord, I thank you for _____."