

“Learning to Test Trust God”
Exodus 17

Opening Question(s) – Choose (a) or (b)

- a) What do you tend to complain about the most (e.g. traffic, work, weather, the world, etc.)? Why?
- b) What is the hottest, driest place you’ve ever been? What kept you from “dying of thirst”?

Discussion Questions

- 1) **Read Exodus 17:1-7.** What surprises you most in this story? What questions did it prompt when you read it?
- 2) How does this story compare with 15²²⁻²⁵ and 16¹⁻⁴? Do you think their complaints are valid?
- 3) On a scale of 1 to 10, how big does this problem seem to the people? To Moses? To God?
- 4) How would you describe Moses’ response to the people? God’s response?
- 5) What test did the people give? What test did God give? How well did each do on their test?
- 6) **Read Exodus 17:8-16.** How would you feel if you were the Israelites in verse 8 (cf. Deut. 25¹⁷⁻¹⁸)? How would you feel if you were Joshua?
- 7) See who can hold their hands up for the longest while you discuss the following question: What do you think is the significance of Moses’ raised hand/hands in this story?
- 8) Who has held up your arms during times of crisis or great stress?
- 9) Why do you think God wanted to blot out the memory of the Amalekites?
- 10) What battle has God won in your life lately? What need (or battle) do you need the Lord to meet (or fight) for you right now?
- 11) How can this group support you in prayer now and in the coming week?