

SERMON 2.0

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker

What's your favorite sandwich to eat and why?

Scripture

Have volunteers read the passage from this weekend's message Exodus 17:8–16. Then discuss the following:

- What do you observe in the passage? What is repetitive, jumps off the page, is interesting, or may be confusing or challenging?

Application

- How have specific hard moments in life surprised you? What can you do to prepare yourself before a hard moment but also propel you forward during unplanned difficult seasons?
- Joshua was being raised up by Moses. Why is it important to have people to help champion our faith but also people that we can champion at the same time? What have you experienced as a spiritual mentor or as a spiritual mentee?
- Aaron & Hur demonstrated support to their leader Moses as he was following God's direction. Why does support to leaders matter? How can you be supportive of leadership as God directs their leadership?
- Why can it be difficult to ask to be lifted up in prayer? What can you do to feel more comfortable and confident to ask for help?
- What reminds you of God's peace, faithfulness, provision, or presence in your life? What specifically do you think about to be reminded of God's active work in your life?

Focused Prayer

Close the evening with these prayer topics from tonight's passage:

- Pray for God to help you prepare your heart, soul, and mind for future trials that you and your group may face.
- Pray for a person who can encourage and challenge you to a closer relationship with Jesus. If you have that already, pray for that person.
- Ask God to lead your group toward following His direction and trusting His plan for your lives.