

Home Group Questions Sunday 10th March 2019

Reading Deuteronomy 8:1-5, 15- 18 and Mk 1:9-13

1. How does a knowledge of the story of the Israelite people in the OT help you ground your faith in Jesus?
2. The gap between being saved from Egypt and reaching the Promised Land was many years. What was the main reason for God keeping them in such an inhospitable place for so long?
3. God had performed many miracles to help the People of Israel. Why do you think they kept on saying “we were better off in Egypt”?
4. “Depending on God is the reality of being the created rather than the creator” Discuss what this means.
5. How does Jesus demonstrate his total dependence on his Father whilst the devil tempts him in the wilderness?
6. How does Jesus demonstrate his total dependence on his Father during the rest of his life?
7. Whereas the Israelites failed to be dependent on God under their own free will, Jesus didn't fail. How does the story of the Israelites help us understand our own lives?
8. How does an understanding of the fact that this life is a journey and not the destination affect our approach to how we live our lives?
9. The Israelites (well nearly all of them) spent their entire life after being saved, in the physical wilderness. Reflect on whether the analogy of the wilderness best fits your entire life (post salvation, pre getting home) or just parts of it?
10. If you are having an easy time in life at the moment, how can you/should you prepare for what might lie ahead?
11. If you are struggling, mentally, emotionally, physically, spiritually at the moment, how can you get to a position where you are able to say, “I will trust the Lord”. What can your homegroup/church family do to support you through it?
12. It's the end of homegroup – are you looking forward to getting ‘home’?!

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