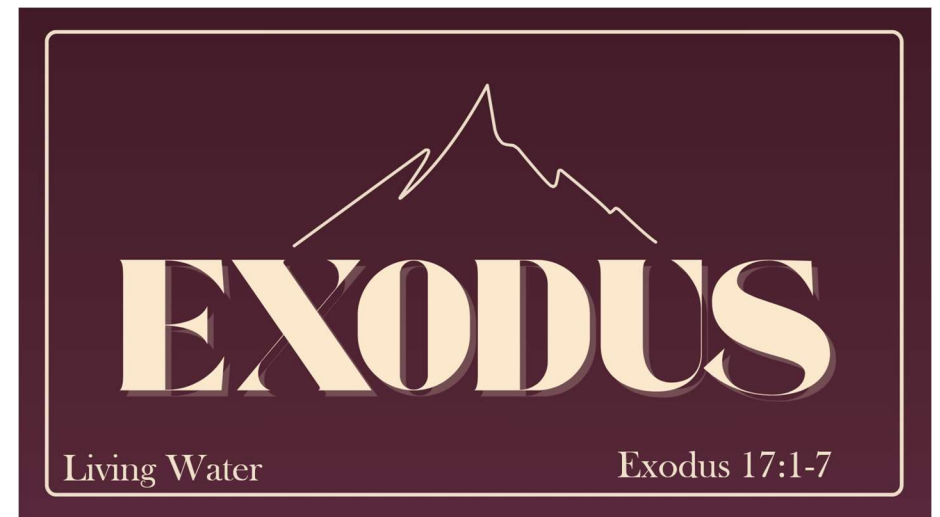


3. Where are you tempted to look for satisfaction, security, or fulfillment instead of looking to Jesus?
4. How does seeing Christ throughout the Exodus story deepen your understanding of God's plan of redemption? What does it mean practically to "come to Jesus and drink"?
5. How has Jesus satisfied a spiritual thirst in your life?

Sermon Discussion Points for



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Read Exodus 17:1-7 – The people of Israel found themselves in the middle of the desert with no available source of water. They chose to grumble against Moses and God rather than crying out to God in faith. Moses did the opposite. He went to God knowing He would provide. When facing needs, all of us have a choice. Will we grumble against God, or cry out to Him in faith?

Think about a time when an unmet needs or frustration caused you to take it out on someone around you. How do you wish you had handled it differently?

Vs.1-3– Thirst Brought Grumbling

1. The Israelites had already seen God provide water, manna, and quail. Why do you think they still struggled to trust Him?
2. The Israelites engage in 3 sinful behaviors - quarreling, testing, and grumbling — They were a progression that ultimately ended in character assassination. Looking at the passage, how do you see each of those three responses building on the one before it?
3. Grumbling was described as "a mindset that causes people to believe that, in difficulties, God is insufficient." Why do you think it's so easy to slip into that mindset, even after we've already seen God provide? What does grumbling reveal about where we've placed our trust?

4. Why is grumbling ultimately a challenge to God's character and goodness?
5. How have you caught yourself grumbling rather than trusting and crying out to God?

Vs. 4-5 – Moses Cried Out to God

1. How was Moses' response different from the response of the Israelites?
2. Moses was facing the same thirst and pressure as everyone else. What enabled him to respond differently?
3. Why do you think Moses took his frustrations and fears directly to God instead of retaliating against the people?
4. Moses completely avoided defensiveness even when his character was being attacked. Why are we often quick to defend ourselves when criticized?
5. What can we learn from Moses about handling stress, criticism, and conflict?

Vs. 6-7 – God Satisfied Their Thirst

1. What stands out to you about God's response to Israel despite their grumbling and unbelief?
2. God didn't just send a miracle — He positioned Himself in the middle of it. How does knowing that God doesn't just provide from a distance, but is actually present with you in the middle of your need, change the way you approach your current struggles?

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