

**Discussion Review**  
**Sermon Series: In the Wilderness – Clothes that Don't Wear Out**  
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*"The wilderness is not an experiment to test how strong and resilient you are.  
It is to find out how faithful God is."*

Pete Fischer, 2019 Pastor's Silent Prayer Retreat

- What do you think it means to be in the wilderness?
- What personal example could you share about a wilderness experience in your life?

### **Five Things You Will Learn in the Wilderness**

#### **1. God will make a way.**

Read Exodus 13:17-18a

- Why do you think didn't God take Israel the shortest route to the Promised Land?
- Can you share a situation in your life where God has taken you the long way around? What has been the outcome?
- Is there a hopeless situation that you are dealing with at this time in your life?
- Have you ever felt like you were so lost/confused that even God couldn't help you?
- What do you think was God's purpose for the life of the Apostle Paul?
- What were some of the things he suffered during his ministry?

Read Romans 8:28

- What do you think is the difference between God's purpose and our purpose?

#### **2. God will lead you.**

Read Exodus 13:21-22

- Why is it significant to your life that the pillar of cloud/fire stayed with Israel?
- Share some of the various ways that God leads you personally (share a personal story)
- Why does God lead us according to his plan rather than ours?

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

- What's the hardest thing about submitting to God?
- What happens when do submit to Him?

Read Psalm 119:105

- How does God use His Word to lead you?

Read John 16:13

- How Does God use the Holy Spirit to lead you?

### **3. God will fight for you.**

- Have you ever been in a fight? How did it make you feel?
- Try and describe Israel's feeling as they watched Egypt's army coming toward them
- What do you think "God will fight for you" really means?

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Read Exodus 14:13-14

- Why was Moses so confident that God would engage the enemy?

Read Exodus 14:19-20a

- Share an example of how you believe God has fought for you.

Read Romans 8:31 and 1 Corinthians 15:57

- How might these verses affect our confidence when we are in the wilderness?

### **4. God will provide for you.**

- How would you have felt if you were Moses after God parted the Red Sea?
- How would you have felt about leading so many people? Why?

Read Exodus 16:4a and Exodus 16:11-12

- How long did God provide manna for the people of Israel?
- What were some of the instructions from God about the manna?
- In what other ways did God provide for Israel in the desert?

Read Philippians 4:19

- Tell about a specific time when God provided for you

## **5. It will be worth it.**

Read Exodus 3:17

- What kind of plans do you believe God has for you?

Read 2 Peter 3:9

- Why does it seem like God takes so long?
- Why doesn't God always do things as fast as we would like?
- What might we miss if God gave us everything we asked for all at once or immediately after we ask?
- How can we work to become more patient in our waiting?