



Discussion Guide

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The Way In The Wilderness

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Main Idea

This series will encourage and challenge us to encounter the fullness of God's favor and how generosity and stewardship establish a legacy of favor in our lives. Today we're going to talk about the Israelites, and the faithfulness that God displayed through them as He brought them from one level to another, and one promise to the next. And for many of us today, we will find ourselves in today's text.

Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Galatians 4:7 (NLT)

Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir...

1. The Weight In The Wilderness

This *weight* is the fear, the uncertainty, the not-knowing, or the not-knowing how, that comes with a wilderness season. The weight may wear on us, but we can trust that He is making a way there is no way.

Where are you feeling the weight of the wilderness in your life right now? In what ways can you begin to trust Him in the process?

Read: Exodus 2:23-25

2. The Worth In The Wilderness

The worth in the wilderness is that oftentimes it will force a total dependence on God. It's a place where your ability to self provide, or self secure, is totally stripped away. And in the makeup of our humanity, this is where God can step in.

Where are you seeing God's purpose for your life as you journey God's path through the wilderness?

Read: Exodus 13:7; John 3:30

3. The Way In The Wilderness

The wilderness will not be your end, if Jesus is your Lord.

What areas of your life do you need to make Jesus Lord and give Him control?

Read: John 14:16; Isaiah 43:19

SUMMARY

And here's the truth, another level often requires another qualification, and another qualification often requires another wilderness. It's all about perspective. It's also how God works in the midst of the wilderness. Because when you have NOTHING, God can become EVERYTHING. He will make a WAY in the WILDERNESS.

CALL TO ACTION

1. Review today's scriptures and reflect on whether or not you are trusting God's generosity, your marriage, your home life, or if you are seeking to skip the wilderness.
2. Take an inventory of what things in life are bringing you frustration. Now determine if the frustration is simply a weight of a wilderness season or is it because you need to release it to Jesus.
3. Spend some time with a friend or friends to talk about your weight in the wilderness. Listen to their perspective and pray together that God will show you the way in the middle of that wilderness.

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: Heads Up!

This game requires an app: The Heads Up! app is available from the App Store and Google Play. After the 1.99 purchase and download, though, you have hours of entertainment on-hand at all times. (In-app purchases are also available.)

One person will hold a phone to their forehead, facing out. Everyone else will act out or describe whatever appears on the screen while the person with the phone guesses. They have one minute to make as many correct guesses as possible, and then the phone goes on to the next person. Categories include animals, movies, public figures and celebrities, and more.