

Sunday Sermon — Discussion Guide: Roger Nix, 7-5-20

The Forming of Faith in the Wilderness

1/3 — Looking Back

Start with prayer and/or worship (reading a Psalm, singing a song, giving thanks, etc.). Re-cast the vision (see example video [here](#)), review obedience goals from the previous week, and ask how everybody is doing. Check-in question options:

- Up/In/Out — How are you doing in your three primary relational spheres? (Up: *God*. In: *fellow believers and family*. Out: *unbelievers*)
- Highs/Lows: What was your “high” and your “low” from the past week?

2/3 — Looking to Jesus in the Present

Explore the Scripture passage together: Exodus 33:18-23

- As the facilitator, first summarize the passage in your own words.
- Invite someone else to read the passage out loud.
- Invite a third person to “re-tell” the passage in their own words.
- Discuss the question: “*what do we learn from this passage about who God is and what He does?*”
- Discuss the question: “*what do we learn from this passage about who we are and what we do?*”

3/3 — Looking Forward

Ask Jesus how he wants you to respond (corporately and individually) to what you have heard and learned. You can also practice the following exercises:

- Sit quietly together in the Lord’s presence and reflect back on a moment (or moments) in your life when you had to wait on God. As you do so, allow yourself to recall the emotions you experienced in the process of waiting. Ask the Lord to show you what He was up to, what He was accomplishing in your life and in your heart through that process. As you wait on Him and pay attention to the movements of His Spirit in those memories, ask Him to increase your faith for the present uncertainties and “waiting opportunities” you are facing, or for those that you will face in the future. When you are ready, share and pray with one another. Consider taking some time in the coming week to recall more of these memories and journal about them.
- Celebrate the Lord’s Supper together. As you do so, reflect on what God has done for you through Jesus’ saving work, and give thanks for His deliverance from slavery to sin and death.