

## Home Groups - Discussion Questions

Wed 26 / Thurs 27 Sept

*God's Grace to Grumblers – Exodus 15:22 – 17:7*

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1. Think about your day. What are some of the different occasions you have heard people grumbling today?
2. There are many examples of godly people in the Bible offering a groan or a complaint or a lament to God, expressing confusion, hurt or disappointment (just think of the Psalms). How is grumbling different from those things?
3. In Exodus 15:22 – 17:7 we find the nation of Israel stopping 3 times and grumbling, each time with greater intensity. In 15:22-27 they grumble because they are disappointed – water they thought would satisfy their thirst only proved to be bitter and undrinkable.  
Q. Here is a water problem. What have the Israelites been so quick to forget? How can we relate?  
Q. What sort of times do we grumble out of disappointment?
4. In 16:1-36 all the people grumble because they are dissatisfied – they wish they had the meat and bread of Egypt.  
Q. How might we hear a similar complaint from new believers?  
Q. How might we hear a similar complaint from mature believers?
5. In 17:1-7 they grumble because they are disillusioned – they expected a land flowing with milk and honey and here they are, about to die of thirst. How might we fall into this type of grumbling?
6. Disappointment, dissatisfaction, disillusionment – what is ultimately at the route of their grumbling?
7. Astoundingly, God responds with grace and patience to the Israelites' grumbling – each time with a miracle. Why could the Israelites only collect enough manna for each day? Refer to the Lord's Prayer.
8. On the seventh day, God didn't send manna, and instructed the Israelites to collect twice as much on the 6<sup>th</sup> day. Was this a restriction or a provision?
9. How does each miracle point to God's gracious provision for grumblers at Calvary? Bitter water / Manna / Water from the rock?
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