



The Desert Part 1 “Remember”

Attendee Questions

June 16th & 17th

Big Picture

Scott explored some desert experiences in the Bible to see if we can learn some survival skills. Are there some things we can learn about what to do when we find ourselves in a place of pain, feeling cut off from joy and even God Himself?

Talk Amongst Yourselves

1. Why did God take the Israelites right to the desert after he brought them out of Egypt after providing a great victory for them?
2. Did the Israelites do anything wrong as the reason why God directed them to the desert?
3. Have you had or are currently experiencing any desert experience in your life?
4. Do all Christians go through “desert” experiences?

Finding Ourselves in the Story

1. Reflecting on your life, what percentage would you say has been “desert” experiences?
2. In what ways have you found yourself suffering from “circumstantially induced amnesia” as it relates to what God has done in your life?
3. Scott asked the question “could it be that sometimes, God has a place He wants to take us but to get there we have to journey through the desert?” Do you agree or disagree?
4. Are there circumstances in your life that you have gone through, that were extremely painful but looking back you see how God was trying to teach you something? If so what did God teach you?

Think About It

1. Scott identified a progression of thought we tend to go through when we find ourselves in the desert.
2. - God, why are you letting this happen?
- God, make it stop!
- God, are you even there? Do you even care?
In what situations in your life have you found yourself going through this progression?

3. Why is it such a challenge in the midst of the desert to “remember who God is and what He has done?”

Make a Shift

To a different question....God, what could you possibly be trying to teach me? What could you possibly be trying to form in me?

- In the midst of losing my job what are you trying to teach me?
- In the desert of this divorce what are you trying to teach me?
- In the desert of failure what are you trying to teach me?
- In the desert of loss what are you trying to teach me?
- In the desert of pain what are you trying to teach me?
- In the desert of addiction what are you trying to teach me?

For the Israelite people He was trying to teach them to trust....he was trying to form a relationship of dependence and trust with them.

You see the thing we have to remember is this: **Despite our circumstances, God is with us...and trying to teach us to trust Him in the midst of our circumstances**

Closing Thought

What could God have possibly been trying to teach His people through this daily provision of what they needed to survive?????

Could it be that he was trying to teach them to trust Him????
That they don't live on bread alone, but they live through Him?

Jesus said it this way, don't worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body what you will wear....look at the birds of the air; they don't sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

You know what? God could have teleported these people straight to the promised land...lifted them out of Egypt and beamed them to a land flowing with milk and honey.....but here's the hard part....He didn't...why? Because they wouldn't have learned to trust Him!

Could it be that????? There are things God wants to teach us that require difficulty.