



**RECEIVE HIS GRACE**  
***Exodus 16-17***  
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**WARMING UP**

1. What is the best physical gift that you have ever received? How so? What is the best spiritual gift—apart from salvation itself—that you have ever received? How so?

**DIGGING IN**

2. *Receive God's grace when you are . . . continually complaining (16:1-3).* The Israelites are chronic complainers—what is their problem? What are some of the things, silly or more significant, that we often complain about? Pastor Todd described complaining as a compound sin because it reveals something deeper that needs to be addressed. What six sins are behind our complaining? Discuss how each one leads to a spirit of grumbling. To what degree is complaining a big issue for you?
3. *Receive God's grace when you are . . . willfully ignorant (16:4-36).* How do the children of Israel reveal their willful ignorance? What are the consequences? Pastor Todd said, "The consequences of not getting under the authority of this Word can be tragic and eternal." Talk about this statement. What are some of the potential consequences of ignoring the authority of Scripture?
4. *Receive God's grace when you are . . . openly rebellious (17:1-7).* Why is it such a big deal that the Israelites "tested the LORD"? What does this demonstrate? What do the following passages teach about God's perspective on rebellion: 1 Samuel 15:22-23; Psalm 5:10; 68:6; Hebrews 3:7-15. How can we cultivate hearts that are submissive, rather than rebellious, toward God?
5. *Receive God's grace when you are . . . severely tested (17:8-13).* Pastor Todd mentioned two points about testing: (a) it is God's grace to put us through trials in order to build our faith (James 1:2-4); and (b) it is God's grace that we care for one another in trials (Galatians 6:1; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4). How have you personally experienced the reality of both principles? How can your small group improve in caring for one another—being an uncommon community—in times of testing?
6. *Receive God's grace when you are . . . deeply discouraged (17:14-16).* Why are the children of Israel facing discouragement with respect to Amalek? How can trials, if left unchecked, drive us to discouragement and even despair? How does the truth that "The LORD is my banner" bring comfort in the face of discouragement? What does 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 contribute to this conversation?
7. Pastor Todd offered three important cautions regarding God's grace: (a) *don't assume it* (Romans 2:4-5); (b) *don't confuse it* (Romans 3:23-24); and (c) *don't abuse it* (Romans 6:1-2). Look up each passage and make sure that the meaning of each caution is clearly understood. Which one do you wrestle with the most? How so?

**BREAKING OUT**

8. Pastor Todd said, "Grace that does not lead to holiness is counterfeit. We are saved without cost by grace, and the evidence is in a transformed life." How is God's grace—his undeserved and unearned favour—leading to your transformation? How could it?