

## In the Wilderness—Week One

### Main Idea

God often leads us into the wilderness to prepare us or to reveal His glory.

### Starter

What is the most beautiful place you've ever been to?

### Discuss

Share something God is currently doing in your life that you are grateful for or excited about.

### Scripture

Read [Exodus 13:17-18](#) and [Exodus 14:1-5](#).

- Why do these passages say God led His people into the wilderness?
- Has there been a “wilderness” season in your past? How did God use this season to teach and prepare you for the future?
- How have you seen God work through uncomfortable spaces in your life to reveal His glory to others?
- Do you have any “wilderness” places in your life right now? How can you give up control and trust God to lead you in this season of your life?

*You might need to clarify for your group what the “wilderness” means. God literally led His people into the wilderness in the Old Testament to prepare and teach them to depend on Him. In the same way, God often takes us into uncomfortable, disorienting, or difficult places to give us the opportunity to learn, grow, and show His glory to others when we trust and follow Him.*

### Apply

Have everyone share:

1. One truth God wants them to take away from the group today.
2. One way they need God for wisdom, strength, or peace in their life.
3. One step they can take to show God's glory by serving others.

Spend time praying for each other as the Holy Spirit leads.