

In the Wilderness—Week Three

Main Idea

God often takes us into uncomfortable and difficult places to help us learn to trust and obey Him in new ways.

Starter

Share the best book, TV series, or movie you have read or watched recently.

Discuss

What is a lesson God has taught you through something difficult in your life?

Scripture

Make three columns on a piece of paper or whiteboard with the heading “Commands,” “Warnings,” and “Lessons” at the top of each column. Read [Deuteronomy 8:1-19](#) and make a list in each column together. Then, discuss:

- What does this passage show you about God and what He wants for us?
- Which of these commands or warnings do you need to hear most right now? Why?
- Which of the “wilderness lessons” resonates most with your current stage of life? How?
- Do you have a “rock” or difficult thing in your life right now? If so, how would thanking God for the opportunity to trust Him with this difficulty change your perspective?

Apply

Have someone read [Psalm 78:15-19](#) and someone read [Romans 5:3-5](#). Have everyone take a few minutes to reflect and ask the Lord:

1. What is a truth You want me to take away from tonight?
2. What is step of faith You want me to take?
3. Is there anything I need to surrender to You?

Break up into groups of 2-3 to share what God puts on your heart and pray for each other as the Holy Spirit leads. Spend time listening to what the Holy Spirit might want to say to encourage each person in the group.