

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GUIDE: September 19, 2010

Route 66 (a spiritual journey through God's 66 books)

"ARE WE THERE YET?"

Highway: Exodus - Deuteronomy

Format: Opening Prayer; 20 min large group discussion (Talk & Dig); 20 min small group discussion(Discuss & Pray); 10 min Open Forum for questions/comments

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Name some things we human beings complain & whine about...
2. "People that pay for things never complain. It's the guy you give something to that you can't please." ~Will Rogers Q: What do you think is meant by this quote?

DIG INTO IT

1. Name what the Israelites complain about and rate on a scale of 1-10 (1-no reason to complain) how legitimate their complaining is and explain your rating.

Whining at the Red Sea

- a) Read Exodus 14:10-12 and list the complaint:
- b) Rate the complaining (1-10):
- c) Read Lord's response in Exodus 14:13-14

Whining at Marah

- a) Read Exodus 15:22-24 and list the complaint:
- b) Rate the complaining (1-10):
- c) Read Lord's response in Exodus 15:25-26

Whining in the Desert of Sin

- a) Read Exodus 16:1-3 and list the complaint:
- b) Rate the complaining (1-10):
- c) Read the Lord's response in Exodus 16:4-12

2. Time and again God "came through" for Israel and fed them and saved them and led them. So why do you think God tested Israel time and again with facing death from an enemy or having no bread or water or meat?

DISCUSS IT

1. Talk about ways God has tested your life and lifted you up.
2. Samuel Johnson says, "Man alone is born crying, lives complaining and dies disappointed." French journalist Antoine Rivarol said, "Man spends his life in reasoning on the past, in complaining of the present, in fearing the future." According to Philippians 4:8-9 God wants us to spend our life thinking about whatever is: true, pure, admirable, and praiseworthy. Talk about what's true, pure, admirable and praiseworthy?
3. What warning does God give us in I Corinthians 10:1-13?

PRAY ABOUT IT

It has been said, “It’s better to light one small candle, than to curse the darkness.” What small candles can we pray God’s help to light?