

January 11, 2026 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

“Water from a Rock Brings Life” – Exodus 17:1-7

Questions for Younger Ones (ages 5-18) to Answer from the Text:

1. Where did the people of Israel camp after leaving the wilderness of Sin (v. 1a)?
2. What problem did the Israelites encounter at Rephidim (v. 1b)?
3. To whom did the people of Israel complain about the lack of water (v. 2a)?
4. How did Moses respond when the people demanded water (v. 2b)?
5. What accusation did the Israelites make against Moses (v. 3)?
6. What did Moses do in response to the people's complaints (v. 4a)?
7. What was Moses afraid the people might do to him (v. 4b)?
8. What instructions did the Lord give Moses (vv. 5-6a)?
9. What happened when Moses struck the rock at Horeb (v. 6b)?
10. What did Moses name the place, and why (v. 7)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

11. What issues that you faced in life led you to doubt God was with you?
12. What is frequently revealed in our lives through health problems, marriage struggles, or financial woes?
13. What spiritual lessons does prosperity sometimes obscure?

14. What role do Elders play when a congregation is faced with hardship and severe needs?
15. What deeper spiritual reality does Paul see in the Israelites' experience with manna and water from the rock (as referenced in 1 Corinthians 10:4)?
16. How does the “Rock” in Exodus 17 relate to the New Testament understanding of Christ?
17. What is the significance of Moses striking the rock with his staff, and how is it interpreted in Christian teaching?
18. What is the difference between “striking” and “speaking” to the rock, particularly in reference to Numbers 20?
19. How does the “striking” of Christ Jesus provide life?
20. How do you eat and drink Christ Jesus?