

# **Growth Group Questions**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent, March 8, 2026*

## **Introduction**

Google how long can a person live without water, then Google what the average rainfall is in central Israel. We live in an area abundant with water, but Israel wasn't Think of some of the famous Bible verses talking about the blessing of water and appreciate even more what God provides for his people.

## **Into the Word** – Genesis 12:1-8

1. Just last week we saw pictures of the Desert of Sin from my trip to Israel earlier in January. Describe the land. (You can Google "Timna National Park" for pictures too.)
2. Why is the peoples' complaint in verse 3 especially egregious, considering why God brought them out of Egypt?
3. What worldly "thirsts" are leading you or someone you know to forget the blessings God has done for you recently?
4. What would naming the place of this miracle do for the Israelites in the future as they passed by or thought about it?

## **Into the Word** – Romans 5:1-8

5. This reading's connection to our "water" theme is in the verb "pouring" of verse five and the meaning of verse 1. Explain.
6. What blessings do we enjoy with God because of the "access" to grace that Jesus has gained for us.

7. Walk through the chain of growth Paul describes in verses 3-5. How might you use that to help a struggling friend?

8. What does verse 8 tell you about how much we deserve God's grace?

## **Into the Word** – John 4:5-26

9. What barriers should have kept Jesus and the woman at the well apart? What do we learn from Jesus breaking through those barriers to speak to her?
10. Why did Jesus bring up the woman's household situation? What was he trying to show her?
11. Samaritans worshiped in their own mountains in the north, even though God said sacrifices were to be made only at the temple in Jerusalem. This was one source of division between the Jews and the Samaritans. What does Jesus say about worship? What does that tell us about our own worship debates?
12. What did the woman do after Jesus told her that he was the Messiah? (John 4:28-30) What do we learn about witnessing from Jesus' example, and hers?

## **Closing Prayer**

Jesus, thank you for the gospel you've shown us once again in this Sunday in Lent. Satisfy us with endless water from the wells of your salvation, and move us to speak boldly and freely to others. Amen.