

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

UNEXPECTED LEADER: WEEK 4

*While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to **southeastchristian.org** to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!*

What have been some of the “mountaintop experiences” of your life? How did God move and work during those seasons of your life? How has He used some of those experiences to shape who you’ve become? Why do we tend to overemphasize these seasons over the “everyday” work God does in our lives?

Read Exodus 15:11-21. After the parting of the Red Sea, how did the Israelites praise God? As you read their song of worship, what are some particular phrases/images that stand out to you? Put yourself in their situation. How would you have praised God had you experienced the events at the Red Sea?

Take another look at Exodus 15:13. Which two qualities of God do the Israelites praise Him for following their deliverance? Why are both of these qualities so important? How have you experienced both God’s love and His strength as you’ve known Him? What confidence do we gain knowing God exhibits these qualities?

Read Exodus 17:1-7. What caused the Israelites to start grumbling against God? Why do you think they so quickly lost their enthusiasm for Him? How do our physical concerns often distract us from spiritual realities? Why do we get so easily distracted by what we need and forget about what we’ve already been given?

Lucas reminded us that faith is about making those everyday choices to surrender to God and follow Him. What are some ways we make that choice day-in and day-out? What does that look like in our homes? Our workplaces? What does it look like with people we like? People we don’t like? Where do you struggle to surrender everyday?

As you close, read Hebrews 3:12-19. How can we harden our own hearts against God and refuse to believe Him? What warning does the writer of Hebrews give us here? Close your time together in prayer by asking God to give you hearts this week that are open and receptive to what He wants to do.