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| Monday (Aug 11 th) | <p><u>Scripture: Exodus 16:22-36</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What response is demanded from those for whom God provides? In what ways does God’s provision test this response? 2. Do you trust in the Lord’s provision? Do you demonstrate trust in God for your daily needs and accept His gifts to you? 3. Manna was so important in the formation of Israel’s early relationship with the Lord that a memorial to the manifestation of the glory of the Lord was commanded, for “<i>the generations to come, so they can see the bread.</i>” |
| Tuesday (Aug 12 th) | <p><u>Scripture: Exodus 17:1-16</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the significance of the sequence of the two events recorded in this chapter? 2. What lessons are taught here about the importance of prayer and its relationship to activity in the life and witness of the church? What further lesson was Israel meant to learn from the defeat of Amalek (verses 14-16)? |
| Wednesday (Aug 13 th) | <p><u>Scripture: Exodus 18:1-12</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider the parts played by Jethro, Moses, and God in this chapter. What can we learn about guidance from this? 2. Moses shares with Jethro the grace and historical intervention of Yahweh in their midst. Jethro acknowledges the source of the Israelites’ transformation and directed his praise to the Lord. Jethro was a model of hope for Gentiles. |
| Thursday (Aug 14 th) | <p><u>Scripture: Exodus 18:13-27</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What kind of men are to be chosen as rulers of the people of God? Ref. Acts 6:1-4. 2. Jethro advises Moses about the 5 points that will bring satisfaction and well-being to the community. First, that Moses remains as the people’s advocate before God. Second, “<i>Teach them the decrees and laws.</i>” Third, selecting just judges “<i>men who fear God, trustworthy men, who hate dishonest gain.</i>” Fourth, establish district courts for mediation of disputes in groups of ten people, “<i>Officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.</i>” Fifth, establish the Supreme Court over which Moses himself would preside as final appeal for the “<i>difficult cases.</i>” 3. This text demonstrates God’s radical commitment to, and insistence on, just judges, good procedure, and the process of appeal to a higher court. |

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| Friday (Aug 15 th) | <p><u>Scripture: Exodus 19:1-15</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exodus 19 manifests the visible presence of Yahweh at Mt. Sinai. God calls Israel to be His holy nation and a kingdom of priests to the world. 2. Israel’s relationship with God began with God’s own unexpected mercy and provision. Then invites the Israelites for a reciprocal relationship-- the book of the covenant is revealed. 3. The Lord gives instruction for the people to prepare themselves for the powerful event of the Lord’s descent to Mt. Sinai in their sight and hearing. God gave the Israelites 3 days to consecrate themselves. 4. How would you prepare yourself if God were to meet with you today? |
| Saturday (Aug 16 th) | <p><u>Scripture: Exodus 19:16-25</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On the third day the Lord came down to meet the people. Earthquake and dense smoke accompanied the sound and light to fully engage, even overpower, all 5 senses. 2. The encounter at Mt. Sinai was the only time God appeared and spoke to all the people. 3. What revelation is given in these chapters concerning (a) the character of God, and (b) His purposes for his people? |
| Sunday (Aug 17 th) | <p><u>Scripture: Psalm 63</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The title of the psalm assigns it to the time when David was crossing the wilderness of Judah in his flight from Absalom. The psalm begins mournful, but suddenly the tone changes in verse—the psalm becomes one of joyous praise. David was given a vision of Jehovah as vivid and glorious as ever, and this transforms David’s outlook. 2. Consider how full of sorrow David’s heart must have been at leaving Jerusalem, and especially the sanctuary of God. Ref verse 1 & 2 Sam. 15:24—30. Though he seemed outwardly to have lost everything, in what was he still able to rejoice? 3. In what assurance about the future was David able to rest? Do you have any similar confidence? |

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