

# THE EXODUS HAS BEGUN

*21 Day Prayer and Fasting*



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## The Journey Forward

### Daily Bread for the Wilderness

— A 21-Day Devotional —

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## PASTOR'S INTRODUCTION LETTER

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR STEPHÄN KIRBY  
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RE: The Exodus Has Begun – A 21-Day Journey of Fasting, Prayer, and Transition

Dear Ekklesia Family,

If you're reading this, you're holding more than a devotional guide. You're holding a roadmap for one of the most significant seasons in our church's history.

On February 2, 2025, we moved from 3960 Cane Run Road to 1348 River Road. But this wasn't just a change of address—it was a divine assignment. God didn't move us because the old location failed. He moved us because our calling outgrew our container.

And just like Israel leaving Egypt, this transition requires more than logistics. It requires spiritual formation, faithful obedience, and corporate consecration.

That's why I've prepared this 21-day journey for you.

### WHY 21 DAYS?

Twenty-one days is biblically significant:

- Daniel fasted 21 days and received prophetic revelation (Daniel 10:2–13)
- Three weeks represents a complete cycle of consecration
- 21 days is long enough to break old habits and establish new ones

***This isn't about perfection. It's about participation.*** It's about saying to God:

"We trust You enough to deny ourselves, seek Your face, and walk in obedience—even when it's uncomfortable."

## WHAT THIS GUIDE INCLUDES

Each day, you'll find:

- Scripture – God's Word is our foundation
- Reflection – Honest, pastoral teaching rooted in the Exodus narrative
- Wilderness Warning – A caution drawn from Israel's mistakes so we don't repeat them
- Today's Obedience – A practical, actionable step
- Prayer – Spirit-led, declarative prayers to anchor your day

This guide is designed to be used personally and corporately. Read it alone in the morning. Discuss it with your family at dinner. Share it in your small group. Post it on social media. Let it shape how you think, pray, and move during this season.

## FASTING IS OPTIONAL – FAITHFULNESS IS NOT

Some of you will fast from food. Others will fast from social media, TV, or other distractions. Some may not be able to fast at all due to health reasons –and that's okay. God honors obedience, not uniformity.

But whether you fast or not, I'm calling every member of Ekklesia to:

- Pray daily using this guide
- Attend faithfully during this transition
- Give sacrificially as God leads
- Serve intentionally in your area of gifting
- Trust completely even when you can't see the full picture

## A WORD OF WARNING

Israel's journey from Egypt to Canaan should have taken 11 days (Deuteronomy 1:2). Instead, it took 40 years. Why? Disobedience.

They complained. They doubted. They romanticized bondage. They tested God. And an entire generation died in the wilderness without ever entering the promise.

Ekklesia, I am giving you this warning in love: Don't waste this wilderness. This transition will test you. You'll feel disoriented at times. You'll be tempted

to look back. You'll wonder if the old way was easier. But hear me clearly: Egypt was provision, not promise. Cane Run Road was blessing, not destiny. God has called us forward. And faithfulness in this season determines how quickly we possess what He's prepared.

## **THE PROMISE IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK**

Here's what I know prophetically:

River Road is not our wilderness—it's our Gilgal.

Gilgal is the place where God rolled away Israel's shame and established their identity before they entered Canaan (Joshua 5:9). It's the threshold. The launching pad. The place where God says, "You are no longer defined by where you were—you are defined by where I'm taking you."

We are stepping into a season of:

Greater influence

Deeper discipleship

Wider reach

Kingdom multiplication

But it will require:

Obedience over comfort

Faith over fear

Unity over division

Vision over nostalgia

## **MY COMMITMENT TO YOU**

As your pastor, I commit to:

Lead you spiritually, not just administratively

Pray for you daily, covering this transition in intercession

Teach you faithfully, rooting every decision in Scripture

Walk with you humbly, knowing I'm also being formed in this season

I don't have all the answers. But I know the One who does. And He's never failed us yet.

## LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER

Ekklesia, the Exodus has begun. Egypt is behind us. The wilderness is forming us. And Canaan is ahead.

Let's walk these 21 days together—fasting, praying, trusting, and obeying. And when we emerge on the other side, we won't just be a church that moved buildings. We'll be a people transformed, refined, and ready to possess everything God has promised.

The best is not behind us. It's ahead of us.  
Let's go get it.

In faith and forward movement,



Pastor Stephan Kirby

Senior Pastor, Ekklesia Christian Life Ministries

*"We honor where God met us—and we follow where He leads us."*

P.S. — If you need prayer, encouragement, or support during these 21 days, don't hesitate to reach out. You're not walking this alone. We're Ekklesia—and we move together.

***LoveUmorethanUknow.***



# HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

## Welcome to the 21-Day Journey

This devotional is designed to be used daily from January 20 – February 9, 2026. Each day includes:

1. **Scripture** – The foundation of our faith
2. **Reflection** – Pastoral teaching rooted in the Exodus narrative
3. **Wilderness Warning** – A caution from Israel's mistakes
4. **Today's Obedience** – A practical step to take
5. **Prayer** – A Spirit-led prayer to anchor your day

## How to engage:

- Read each day's devotional in the morning before starting your day
- If fasting, use the Fasting Guide (Page 8) to structure your fast
- Journal your thoughts in the Notes section at the back
- Share daily reflections on social media using #TheExodusHasBegin #EverydayEkklesia
- Discuss in small groups or with family
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You are not alone in this journey. We are Ekklesia—and we move together.

# 21-DAY FASTING GUIDE

## THE EKKLESIA 21-DAY FASTING GUIDE

### Breaking Egypt's Appetite, Building Kingdom Hunger

## INTRODUCTION TO FASTING

### What is fasting?

Fasting is the voluntary abstinence from food or other distractions for a spiritual purpose. It's not about impressing God or earning favor—it's about creating space to hear Him, seek Him, and surrender to Him.

### Why fast?

- It breaks fleshly appetites that compete with spiritual hunger
- It sharpens spiritual sensitivity to God's voice
- It accelerates breakthrough in areas of stubborn resistance
- It demonstrates sacrificial worship that honors God above comfort

### Biblical foundation:

- Moses fasted 40 days before receiving the Ten Commandments (Exodus 34:28)
- Jesus fasted 40 days before beginning His ministry (Matthew 4:2)
- The early church fasted before making major decisions (Acts 13:2–3)
- Daniel fasted 21 days and received prophetic revelation (Daniel 10:2–13)

# **TYPES OF FASTS (CHOOSE WHAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU)**

## **1. THE DANIEL FAST (Most Common)**

### **What it is:**

Abstaining from meat, sweets, bread, and processed foods. Eating only fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts, seeds, and water.

### **Biblical basis:**

*Daniel 10:2–3 – "During that time I had eaten no rich food. No meat or wine crossed my lips, and I used no fragrant lotions until those three weeks had passed."*

### **Best for:**

Those new to fasting, those with health conditions that prevent total food fasts, families fasting together.

### **What you CAN eat:**

- Fresh or frozen fruits and vegetables
- Whole grains (brown rice, oats, quinoa)
- Legumes (beans, lentils, chickpeas)
- Nuts and seeds
- Water, herbal tea

### **What you CANNOT eat:**

- Meat, poultry, fish
- Dairy products
- Eggs
- Sweeteners, sugar, artificial sweeteners
- Bread, pasta (unless whole grain and unleavened)
- Fried foods, processed foods
- Caffeine, soda, alcohol

# **TYPES OF FASTS (CHOOSE WHAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU)**

## **2. THE PARTIAL FAST**

### **What it is:**

Fasting one meal per day (usually breakfast or lunch) and using that time for prayer.

### **Biblical basis:**

*Daniel 1:12 – "Please test us for ten days on a diet of vegetables and water."*

### **Best for:**

Those with demanding work schedules, those who cannot do extended fasts, beginners.

### **How to do it:**

- Skip breakfast and pray during that time
- Skip lunch and use your lunch break for Scripture and intercession
- Eat a light dinner, focusing on whole foods

# **TYPES OF FASTS (CHOOSE WHAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU)**

## **3. THE FULL FAST (Water Only)**

### **What it is:**

Abstaining from all food, drinking only water for a set period (24 hours, 3 days, 7 days, etc.).

### **Biblical basis:**

*Esther 4:16 – "Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day."*

### **Best for:**

Those experienced in fasting, those seeking major breakthrough, those in urgent spiritual warfare.

### **CAUTION:**

- Consult a doctor if you have health conditions (diabetes, pregnancy, heart issues, etc.)**
- Do not attempt extended water fasts (3+ days) without medical clearance**
- Break the fast slowly with light foods (fruit, broth, small portions)**

# **TYPES OF FASTS (CHOOSE WHAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU)**

## **4. THE MEDIA/DIGITAL FAST**

### **What it is:**

Abstaining from social media, TV, streaming services, or other digital distractions for 21 days.

### **Biblical basis:**

*Psalm 101:3 – "I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar."*

### **Best for:**

Those who cannot fast from food due to health reasons, those struggling with digital addiction, those who need mental clarity.

### **What to eliminate:**

- Social media (Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, X/Twitter)
- Streaming services (Netflix, Hulu, YouTube)
- Video games
- Non-essential phone use (set boundaries—use only for work, family, emergencies)

### **What to replace it with:**

- Daily devotional reading
- Prayer walks
- Worship music
- Scripture memorization
- Journaling

# HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE FAST

## 3 Days Before (January 17-19):

1. Pray and ask God what type of fast He's calling you to
2. Reduce caffeine, sugar, and processed foods gradually to avoid withdrawal headaches
3. Set clear goals: What are you fasting for? Write it down.
4. Tell someone: Accountability matters (spouse, small group leader, trusted friend)
5. Stock your home with approved foods if doing a Daniel Fast

## Night Before (January 19):

1. Eat a light, healthy dinner
2. Pray and commit the next 21 days to God
3. Set your alarm earlier to start each day with prayer
4. Prepare your devotional space (Bible, journal, this guide)

# **DAILY FASTING RHYTHM (SAMPLE SCHEDULE)**

## **Morning (6:00 AM – 8:00 AM):**

- Wake up and pray before checking your phone
- Read the daily devotional from this guide
- Spend 15–30 minutes in worship and Scripture
- Drink water or herbal tea (if Daniel Fasting, eat light breakfast of fruit and oats)

## **Midday (12:00 PM – 1:00 PM):**

- If doing a partial fast, use lunch hour for prayer instead of eating
- Take a prayer walk
- Pray over the daily "Wilderness Warning" from the devotional

## **Evening (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM):**

- Eat a light, healthy dinner (if fasting from food)
- Reflect on "Today's Obedience" from the devotional
- Journal what God is showing you
- Pray the daily prayer provided in the guide

## **Before Bed (9:00 PM – 10:00 PM):**

- Review the day
- Thank God for His faithfulness
- Pray for strength for tomorrow

# WHAT TO DO WHEN IT GETS HARD

## When you're physically hungry:

- Drink water
- Pray: "God, You are my portion. You satisfy me more than food."
- Meditate on Matthew 4:4 – "People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

## When you're tempted to quit:

- Remember why you started
- Call your accountability partner
- Read the "Wilderness Warning" from that day's devotional
- Declare: "I will not waste this wilderness. I will finish what I started."

## When you feel spiritually dry:

- That's normal—don't panic
- Keep showing up (faithfulness matters more than feelings)
- Worship even when you don't feel it
- Trust that God is working even when you can't sense it

## When you slip up:

- Don't quit the entire fast because of one mistake
- Confess it, receive grace, and continue
- God honors obedience, not perfection

# HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES

## DO NOT FAST FROM FOOD IF:

- You are pregnant or nursing
- You have diabetes, hypoglycemia, or other blood sugar issues
- You have an eating disorder history
- You have a chronic illness requiring regular medication with food
- You are under 18 (consult parents and consider a media fast instead)

If you're unsure, consult your doctor.

Alternative: Do a digital/media fast and follow the devotional guide with the same intensity.

## **BREAKING THE FAST (DAY 21 – FEBRUARY 9)**

### **How to break a Daniel Fast:**

- Start with fresh fruit or a small salad
- Slowly reintroduce other foods over 2–3 days
- Avoid heavy, greasy, or processed foods immediately

### **How to break a water fast:**

- Start with fresh juice or broth
- Wait 2–4 hours, then eat soft fruits (watermelon, grapes)
- Gradually add solid foods over 24–48 hours
- Do NOT binge eat—your stomach has shrunk

### **Corporate Breaking of the Fast:**

- If possible, gather as a church family on Day 21 (February 9)
- Share testimonies of what God did during the 21 days
- Take Communion together
- Celebrate with a light meal

# PRAYER FOCUS FOR EACH WEEK

## WEEK 1 (Days 1–7): Leaving Egypt

### Pray for:

- Release from past limitations
- Gratitude for where God met you
- Obedience over comfort
- Breaking of Egypt's mindset

## WEEK 2 (Days 8–14): Wilderness Formation

### Pray for:

- Daily dependence on God
- Trust in His provision
- Protection from complaining and fear
- Spiritual sensitivity and discernment

## WEEK 3 (Days 15–21): Possessing the Promise

### Pray for:

- Boldness to step into the new
- Kingdom vision for River Road
- Unity and faithfulness in the congregation
- Acceleration of God's promises over Ekklesia

## FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

Fasting is hard. That's the point.

It's supposed to cost you something. It's supposed to stretch you. It's supposed to reveal what you're really hungry for.

But here's the promise: God honors every sacrifice made in faith.

He sees every skipped meal. Every denied craving. Every time you chose prayer over scrolling. Every moment you said, "God, You are enough."

And He rewards. Not always immediately. Not always in the way you expect. But always faithfully.

Ekklesia, let's do this together.

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## WEEK 1: LEAVING EGYPT (January 20–26)

**Theme: Honoring the past while obeying the future**

### DAY 1 – Monday, January 20 GOD SEES YOU WHERE YOU ARE

#### **Scripture:**

***"Then the Lord told him, 'I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering.'" – Exodus 3:7***

#### **Reflection:**

Before God moves you, He sees you. Egypt wasn't just a location for Israel—it was a season of growth, provision, and divine presence. God met them there. He multiplied them there. But seeing them didn't mean leaving them.

The same is true for Ekklesia. God saw you at 3960 Cane Run Road. He blessed you there. He grew you there. But now He's saying, "I see where you are—and I see where I'm taking you."

Don't mistake movement for abandonment. God doesn't relocate His people casually. He does it when their calling outgrows their current container.

#### **Wilderness Warning:**

Israel's mistake wasn't leaving Egypt—it was forgetting why they left. When the journey got hard, they romanticized bondage and called it blessing. Don't let discomfort rewrite obedience.

#### **Today's Obedience:**

Write down one thing God did for you at the old location. Thank Him for it. Then declare: "I honor where You met me, and I trust where You're leading me."

#### **Prayer:**

***Father, thank You for seeing us. Thank You for every prayer answered, every life changed, every tear dried at 3960 Cane Run Road. We don't despise our Egypt—we honor it. But we will not stay where You are no longer building. Lead us forward. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

**DAY 2 – Tuesday, January 21**  
**WHEN OBEDIENCE OUTGROWS FAMILIARITY**

***Scripture:***

***"The Lord had said to Abram, 'Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you.'" – Genesis 12:1***

***Reflection:***

God told Abraham to leave before showing him the destination. That's not cruelty—it's trust-building. Familiarity feels safe, but it can become a cage if God's calling you beyond it.

Ekklesia, you are not leaving because the old place failed. You're leaving because obedience demands it. The moment God says "Go," staying becomes disobedience—no matter how comfortable Egypt feels.

***Wilderness Warning:***

Lot's wife looked back and turned to salt (Genesis 19:26). She didn't reject God's salvation—she just couldn't let go of what she was leaving. Forward movement requires releasing backward longing.

***Today's Obedience:***

Identify one fear about the move. Name it. Then pray: "God, I give You this fear. I will not let it turn me into a pillar of nostalgia."

***Prayer:***

***Lord, I confess that familiarity feels safer than faith. But You are not asking me to be comfortable—You're asking me to be obedient. I release my grip on what was. I open my hands to what's coming. Lead me forward without looking back. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

## DAY 3 – Wednesday, January 22

### PROVISION FOLLOWS OBEDIENCE, NOT PROOF

#### **Scripture:**

***"So the people of Israel did as Moses had instructed; they asked the Egyptians for clothing and articles of silver and gold. The Lord caused the Egyptians to look favorably on the Israelites, and they gave them whatever they asked for. So they stripped the Egyptians of their wealth!" – Exodus 12:35–36***

#### **Reflection:**

God didn't just free Israel—He funded their future. But notice: the provision came as they obeyed, not before. They didn't see the silver and gold first and then decide to leave. They stepped out in faith, and God moved Egyptian hearts.

Ekklesia, you may not see every detail of how this move will work financially, logically, or structurally. That's okay. God doesn't reveal the full blueprint to those who demand proof before obedience. He reveals it to those who move when He says move.

#### **Wilderness Warning:**

Israel got the wealth but wasted it building a golden calf (Exodus 32). Provision without obedience becomes idolatry. Don't let the blessing become a substitute for the God who gave it.

#### **Today's Obedience:**

What's one area where you're waiting for proof before you obey? Confess it. Then take one step of faith today—give, serve, show up, trust.

#### **Prayer:**

***Father, forgive me for needing proof before obedience. You are not my debtor—You are my Provider. I will move when You say move, give when You say give, and trust when I cannot see. Fund what You've ordained. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

## DAY 4 – Thursday, January 23

### THE EXODUS BEGINS WITH BLOOD

#### ***Scripture:***

***"For the Lord will pass through the land to strike down the Egyptians. But when he sees the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe, the Lord will pass over your home." – Exodus 12:23***

#### ***Reflection:***

Passover wasn't just history—it was covenant. The blood on the doorpost declared: "This house belongs to God." It didn't matter how nice the house was, how long they'd lived there, or what memories were inside. What mattered was the blood.

Ekklesia, this move is covered by the blood of Jesus. Not by your perfection, your planning, or your performance—by His finished work. The enemy has no claim. Fear has no authority. Doubt has no dominion.

You are leaving Egypt under the covering of the Lamb.

#### ***Wilderness Warning:***

Israel was delivered by blood but died in the wilderness by unbelief (Hebrews 3:19). Salvation is free. Possession requires faith. Don't waste your Exodus.

#### ***Today's Obedience:***

Pray over your home, your car, your family, your future: "The blood of Jesus covers this. The enemy has no access. God's purpose will prevail."

#### ***Prayer:***

***Lord Jesus, Your blood speaks over my life, my family, and my church. We are marked. We are covered. We are Yours. No weapon formed against this move will prosper. We walk forward under the banner of the Lamb. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

## DAY 5 – Friday, January 24

### DON'T PACK EGYPT WITH YOU

#### **Scripture:**

***"But the people of Israel had walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground, as the water stood up like a wall on both sides. That is how the Lord rescued Israel from the hand of the Egyptians that day." – Exodus 14:29–30***

#### **Reflection:**

God drowned Egypt's army in the Red Sea so Israel wouldn't be haunted by what chased them. But here's the problem: Israel still carried Egypt in their hearts. Later, they craved Egyptian food, Egyptian structure, Egyptian predictability (Numbers 11:5).

You can leave a location and still carry its mentality.

Ekklesia, don't pack Egypt with you. Leave behind:

- The complaints
- The comparisons
- The "we've always done it this way" thinking

This is a new season. New wine requires new wineskins.

#### **Wilderness Warning:**

Israel's constant complaint was, "We were better off in Egypt" (Exodus 14:12). Nostalgia became their prison. Don't let selective memory sabotage your future.

Today's Obedience:

Write down one mindset, habit, or attitude that belongs to "Egypt."

Symbolically cross it out. Declare: "I'm leaving this behind."

#### **Prayer:**

***Father, search my heart. Expose any Egyptian mindset I'm still carrying—fear, control, complaining, comfort-seeking. I renounce it. I release it. I will not build my future on the foundation of my past.***

***In Jesus' name, Amen.***

**DAY 6 – Saturday, January 25**  
***GOD PARTS SEAS AFTER YOU STEP***

***Scripture:***

***"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why are you crying out to me? Tell the people to get moving! Pick up your staff and raise your hand over the sea. Divide the water so the Israelites can walk through the middle of the sea on dry ground.'" – Exodus 14:15-16***

***Reflection:***

Moses prayed. God said, "Stop praying—start moving." The Red Sea didn't part while Israel stood still. It parted when they stepped forward.

Faith isn't passive. It's participatory. God doesn't reward those who wait for miracles before obedience. He rewards those who obey before the miracle.

Ekklesia, the path may not look clear yet. The details may not be perfect. The logistics may feel overwhelming. Step anyway. God specializes in last-minute, right-on-time, Red-Sea-parting provision.

***Wilderness Warning:***

Disobedience delays destiny. Israel could have entered Canaan in weeks. Instead, they wandered 40 years (Numbers 14:34). Don't let fear cost you decades.

***Today's Obedience:***

What's one step you've been afraid to take because you can't see the full path? Take it today. Walk toward the water.

***Prayer:***

***Lord, I will not wait for perfect clarity before I obey. I will not demand proof before I step. You are the God who parts seas, opens doors, and makes ways where there are none. I'm stepping forward. Meet me in motion. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

## DAY 7 – Sunday, January 26

### **WORSHIP IN THE WILDERNESS**

#### **Scripture:**

***"Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord: 'I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; he has hurled both horse and rider into the sea.'" – Exodus 15:1***

#### **Reflection:**

Israel's first act after crossing the Red Sea wasn't planning, strategizing, or building—it was worship. They sang before they had a building. They praised before they had a blueprint.

Ekklesia, this Sunday—your last at 3960 Cane Run Road or your first in transition—worship. Not because everything's figured out, but because God is faithful.

Worship stabilizes the soul when circumstances shift. It reminds you: this move isn't about a building. It's about a God who leads His people.

#### **Wilderness Warning:**

Israel sang at the Red Sea (Exodus 15) but complained three days later (Exodus 15:24). Don't let short-term discomfort silence your long-term testimony.

#### **Today's Obedience:**

Worship today—intentionally, loudly, gratefully. Sing, pray, declare: "God, You are faithful. You've brought us this far. You will finish what You started."

#### **Prayer:**

***Father, we worship You—not because we see the end, but because we trust the One who holds it. You are our Provider, our Protector, our Promise-Keeper. We will sing in the wilderness. We will praise in transition. You are worthy. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

## WEEK 2: ENTERING THE WILDERNESS (January 27–February 2)

### Theme: Formation over familiarity

#### DAY 8 – Monday, January 27 THE WILDERNESS IS NOT PUNISHMENT

##### **Scripture:**

*"Remember how the Lord your God led you through the wilderness for these forty years, humbling you and testing you to prove your character, and to find out whether or not you would obey his commands." – Deuteronomy 8:2*

##### **Reflection:**

Israel saw the wilderness as punishment. God saw it as preparation. The wilderness wasn't where God abandoned them—it was where He refined them.

Ekklesia, you may experience some wilderness moments in this transition: temporary disorientation, systems that need rebuilding, moments when the old feels easier than the new. That's not failure. That's formation.

God uses the in-between to strip away what Egypt taught you and rebuild what Canaan requires. Egypt taught survival. The wilderness teaches trust. Canaan demands both.

##### **Wilderness Warning:**

Israel despised the wilderness and missed the lesson (Psalm 106:24–25). They saw it as delay instead of development. Don't waste your formation season wishing you were somewhere else.

##### **Today's Obedience:**

Ask yourself: "What is God trying to teach me in this transition that I couldn't learn while comfortable?" Write it down. Lean into the lesson.

##### **Prayer:**

*Father, I will not despise the wilderness. I will not rush what You are forming in me. Strip away my Egypt mindset. Teach me to trust when I cannot see. Prepare me for promise. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

## DAY 9 – Tuesday, January 28

### MANNA TEACHES DAILY DEPENDENCE

#### **Scripture:**

***"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Look, I'm going to rain down food from heaven for you. Each day the people can go out and pick up as much food as they need for that day. I will test them in this to see whether or not they will follow my instructions.'" – Exodus 16:4***

#### **Reflection:**

Manna was miracle bread with an expiration date. You couldn't hoard it. You couldn't control it. You had to trust God daily.

That's the wilderness lesson: God provides, but not in advance. He gives you what you need when you need it—not a moment before. Egypt had storehouses. The wilderness has fresh bread every morning.

Ekklesia, you may not see the full financial plan, the complete strategy, or the perfect system yet. That's okay. God is teaching you to trust Him one day at a time. Daily dependence builds unshakable faith.

#### **Wilderness Warning:**

Some Israelites tried to hoard manna (Exodus 16:20). It bred worms and stank. Trying to control what God wants you to trust will rot in your hands. Let go.

#### **Today's Obedience:**

Identify one area where you're trying to hoard control instead of trusting God daily. Release it. Pray: "God, I trust You for today. Tomorrow is Yours."

#### **Prayer:**

***Lord, forgive me for trying to stockpile security instead of trusting Your daily provision. You are Jehovah Jireh—my Provider. I don't need to see the whole year. I just need to trust You today. Give us this day our daily bread. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

## DAY 10 – Wednesday, January 29

### GOD GOES BEFORE YOU

#### **Scripture:**

***"The Lord went ahead of them. He guided them during the day with a pillar of cloud, and he provided light at night with a pillar of fire. This allowed them to travel by day or by night." – Exodus 13:21***

#### **Reflection:**

Israel never led themselves. God did. The cloud moved—they moved. The cloud stopped—they stopped. Their job wasn't to figure out the route. Their job was to follow.

Ekklesia, you are not pioneering this move alone. God has already gone before you to 1348 River Road. He's already prepared the space, the people, the provision. Your job is not to predict—it's to follow.

Trust the presence of God more than the plan in your head.

#### **Wilderness Warning:**

When the cloud moved and Israel didn't, they got stuck (Numbers 9:22–23). Disobedience doesn't stop God's movement—it just leaves you behind. Stay close. Stay sensitive. Stay mobile.

#### **Today's Obedience:**

Ask the Holy Spirit: "Is there anything You're asking me to do that I've been ignoring or delaying?" Listen. Then obey immediately.

#### **Prayer:**

***Holy Spirit, I will not move without You, and I will not stay when You move. Lead me. Guide me. I surrender my timeline, my preferences, my comfort. Where You go, I go. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

## DAY 11 – Thursday, January 30

### COMPLAINING IS SPIRITUAL AMNESIA

#### **Scripture:**

***"Then the whole community of Israel complained about Moses and Aaron. 'If only the Lord had killed us back in Egypt,' they moaned. 'There we sat around pots filled with meat and ate all the bread we wanted. But now you have brought us into this wilderness to starve us all to death." – Exodus 16:2-3***

#### **Reflection:**

Selective memory is a liar. Israel forgot the beatings, the bondage, the brutality. All they remembered were the pots of meat.

Complaining rewrites history and sabotages destiny.

Ekklesia, transition will test your memory. When things feel hard, the enemy will whisper: "It was better before." That's a lie. You were blessed before—but you were also contained. God is expanding you, not punishing you.

Don't let discomfort make you a revisionist historian.

#### **Wilderness Warning:**

An entire generation died in the wilderness because they complained instead of trusting (Numbers 14:29). Their words became their sentence. Guard your mouth. Your speech shapes your future.

#### **Today's Obedience:**

Catch yourself if you complain today. Stop mid-sentence. Replace it with gratitude: "God, I thank You for..."

#### **Prayer:**

***Father, forgive me for complaining when I should be trusting. Forgive me for romanticizing bondage when You've called me to freedom. I renounce every grumbling word. I choose gratitude. I choose faith. I choose forward. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

## DAY 12 – Friday, January 31

### GOD GIVES WATER FROM ROCKS

#### **Scripture:**

***"Strike the rock, and water will come gushing out. Then the people will be able to drink." So Moses struck the rock as he was told, and water gushed out as the elders looked on." – Exodus 17:6***

#### **Reflection:**

No water in the wilderness? No problem for God. He makes water flow from rocks. He provides in impossible places through impossible means.

Ekklesia, you may look at the new location and think, "How will this work? How will we grow? How will we sustain?" Stop looking at the rock and start looking at the God who splits it.

God's provision doesn't require ideal circumstances. It requires obedient faith.

#### **Wilderness Warning:**

Israel tested God at the rock and named the place "Massah" and "Meribah"—testing and arguing (Exodus 17:7). Don't test God by demanding proof before you trust. Trust Him, and watch Him prove Himself faithful.

#### **Today's Obedience:**

Identify one "rock" in your life right now—something that feels impossible, immovable, or dry. Declare over it: "God, You specialize in the impossible. I'm trusting You to bring water from this rock."

#### **Prayer:**

***Lord, You are the God of the impossible. You make streams in the desert and water from stones. I don't need perfect conditions—I just need Your presence. Provide where I see lack. Flow where I see dryness. You are enough. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

## DAY 13 – Saturday, February 1

### DON'T FIGHT EGYPT'S BATTLES IN THE WILDERNESS

#### **Scripture:**

**"Moses, Aaron, and Hur climbed to the top of a nearby hill. As long as Moses held up the staff in his hand, the Israelites had the advantage. But whenever he dropped his hand, the Amalekites gained the advantage." – Exodus 17:11**

#### **Reflection:**

The moment Israel left Egypt, they faced new battles. Amalek attacked in the wilderness (Exodus 17:8). But notice: they didn't defeat Amalek by going back to Egypt. They defeated Amalek by worshiping, interceding, and trusting God.

Ekklesia, this transition will reveal new battles—logistical, spiritual, relational. Don't fight them with Egypt's tactics (control, fear, manipulation). Fight them with wilderness weapons: prayer, unity, and lifted hands.

#### **Wilderness Warning:**

Moses' hands grew tired, and the battle shifted (Exodus 17:12). When you stop praying, the enemy gains ground. Don't drop your hands. Get help if you need it—but don't stop interceding.

#### **Today's Obedience:**

Pray for Pastor Stephan and the leadership team. Lift their hands. Send them an encouraging word. Intercession is warfare.

#### **Prayer:**

***Father, we lift our hands over Ekklesia. We stand in prayer for our leaders, our families, our future. Strengthen those who are weary. Protect those who are vulnerable. Give us victory—not by our strength, but by Your Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

## DAY 14 – Sunday, February 2

### FIRST SUNDAY AT RIVER ROAD: WORSHIP IN THE NEW

#### **Scripture:**

***"And the Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I will begin to make you a great leader in the eyes of all the Israelites. They will know that I am with you, just as I was with Moses.'" – Joshua 3:7***

#### **Reflection:**

Today is historic. This is your first Sunday at 1348 River Road. This is not just a building—it's a divine reset. A new chapter. A fresh beginning.

God was with Ekklesia at Cane Run Road. And God is with Ekklesia at River Road. His presence doesn't change with your address. His purpose doesn't shift with your location.

Worship today like you're planting a flag: "We are here because God led us here. And we will build what He's called us to build."

#### **Wilderness Warning:**

Joshua had to step into the Jordan before it parted (Joshua 3:13). The first step into the new always requires courage. Don't hesitate. Step in.

#### **Today's Obedience:**

Walk into the new building with expectation. Declare over it: "This is holy ground. God's presence fills this place. Lives will be changed here. Families will be restored here. The Kingdom will advance from here."

#### **Prayer:**

***Father, we dedicate 1348 River Road to You. We consecrate this space, this season, this people. Let Your glory dwell here. Let miracles happen here. Let the lost find Jesus here. Let the broken be healed here. Let the captives go free here. This is not our building—it's Yours. Use it for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

## WEEK 3: POSSESSING THE PROMISE (February 3–6)

### Theme: Faithfulness in the new season

#### DAY 15 – Monday, February 3 NEW MERCIES, NEW MISSION

##### **Scripture:**

***"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning."* – Lamentations 3:22–23**

##### **Reflection:**

You woke up in a new building today. Same God. New mercies. This is not just a location shift—it's a spiritual reset.

Ekklesia, every morning at River Road is a fresh invitation: fresh mercy, fresh mission, fresh manna. Don't carry yesterday's anxiety into today's opportunity. God's faithfulness is renewed every single morning.

##### **Wilderness Warning:**

Israel doubted God's mercy daily and recycled yesterday's complaints into today's conversations (Numbers 11:1). New location, old mindset = wasted Exodus. Renew your mind daily.

##### **Today's Obedience:**

Start your morning with this declaration: "God's mercies are new today. I receive them. I walk in them. I will not live in yesterday's fear."

##### **Prayer:**

***Lord, thank You for new mercies. Thank You that Your faithfulness doesn't depend on my perfection. I release yesterday. I receive today. Lead me in this new season with fresh vision, fresh faith, and fresh fire. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

## DAY 16 – Tuesday, February 4

### BUILD WITH Kingdom FOCUS, NOT EGYPT METHODS

#### **Scripture:**

***"Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good." – Psalm 127:1***

#### **Reflection:**

Egypt taught Israel how to build with bricks and straw. But God wanted them to build with faith and obedience. There's a difference between constructing a building and building the Kingdom. Ekklesia, as you settle into River Road, don't just replicate what worked at Cane Run. Ask: "God, what are You building here? What's the Kingdom assignment for this location?"

You're not just filling a space. You're stewarding a mission.

#### **Wilderness Warning:**

Israel built a golden calf using Egyptian methods (Exodus 32:4). They had the resources but missed the assignment. Don't let busyness replace obedience. Let God set the agenda.

#### **Today's Obedience:**

Ask God: "What do You want to build through Ekklesia at River Road that couldn't happen at Cane Run?" Write down what you hear. Pray over it.

#### **Prayer:**

***Father, we want to build what You're building—not what we think looks good. Give us Kingdom vision. Show us the assignment. We surrender our plans to Your purpose. Build through us. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

## DAY 17 – Wednesday, February 5

### EKKLESIA MEANS "CALLED OUT AND SENT"

#### **Scripture:**

**"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden." – Matthew 5:14**

#### **Reflection:**

Ekklesia is not a Greek word for "church building." It means "the called-out ones"—a people summoned for mission, not just membership.

River Road is not your destination. It's your launching pad. You are not called to fill seats—you're called to flood streets. You don't just attend church—you are the church, sent into every workplace, neighborhood, school, and city block.

This move isn't just about where you gather on Sunday. It's about where you scatter Monday through Saturday.

#### **Wilderness Warning:**

Israel wanted to stay at Mount Sinai because it felt safe (Exodus 19). But God said, "Move" (Numbers 10:11–13). Comfort zones become cages when calling demands movement. Don't settle. Stay mobile.

#### **Today's Obedience:**

Ask yourself: "Where is God sending me this week?" Work, home, community, social media—wherever you go, you carry Ekklesia. Be intentional. Be the light.

#### **Prayer:**

***Lord, I am not just a church attender—I am Ekklesia. I am called out and sent. Use me where I work, where I live, where I go. Let my life be a light that cannot be hidden. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

## DAY 18 – Thursday, February 6

### FAITHFULNESS ACCELERATES PROMISE

#### **Scripture:**

***"If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities." – Luke 16:10***

#### **Reflection:**

Israel's 40-year delay wasn't random—it was the consequence of unfaithfulness. Ten spies saw giants and doubted. Two spies saw God and believed. The unfaithful wandered. The faithful entered (Numbers 13-14).

Ekklesia, you've been warned. Don't waste this wilderness. Don't let fear, complaining, or disobedience delay your promise. Faithfulness in the transition determines your speed into possession.

Be faithful:

- In attendance
- In giving
- In serving
- In trusting
- In praying

God rewards faithfulness, not perfection.

#### **Wilderness Warning:**

Caleb and Joshua waited 40 years because of other people's unbelief (Numbers 14:30). Your faithfulness protects you, but corporate disobedience can delay collective promise. Stay faithful—and call others higher.

#### **Today's Obedience:**

Identify one area where you've been coasting spiritually. Recommit. Step up. Be faithful in the small things today.

#### **Prayer:**

***Father, I will not waste this season. I will not let fear, doubt, or comfort rob me of promise. I commit to faithfulness—in worship, in service, in giving, in trusting. Accelerate my growth. Accelerate our destiny. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

## DAY 19 – Friday, February 7

### TWO MORE DAYS: DON'T QUIT NOW

#### **Scripture:**

***"So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."* – Galatians 6:9**

***"I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us."* – Philippians 3:14**

#### **Reflection:**

You're almost there. Two more days. Day 20 tomorrow. Day 21 on Sunday. Then we cross the finish line together.

But here's where it gets hard. This is the moment when people quit. Not at the beginning when the excitement is high. Not in the middle when momentum carries you. But right here—when the end is in sight but not yet reached.

Israel faced this same temptation. They were so close to Canaan. They could see it. The spies had brought back proof—grapes so large it took two men to carry them (Numbers 13:23). The Promised Land was real. It was right there.

But fear made them hesitate. Doubt made them second-guess. And ten spies said, "We can't do this" (Numbers 13:31). Only two—Joshua and Caleb—said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it" (Numbers 13:30).

The difference between the ten and the two wasn't ability. It was perseverance. It was the refusal to quit when the finish line was in sight.

Ekklesia, you've walked 19 days. You've left Egypt. You've trusted God through the wilderness. You've learned what it means to depend on Him daily. You've broken old appetites through fasting. You've grown closer to God through prayer.

## DAY 19 – Friday, February 7

### TWO MORE DAYS: DON'T QUIT NOW

Don't quit now.

Two more days feels small, but these are the days that separate those who start well from those who finish strong.

The enemy knows you're close to breakthrough. He knows Day 21 is a threshold moment—a Gilgal moment where God rolls away the shame of Egypt and establishes your new identity. So he'll whisper:

- "You've done enough. You can coast from here."
- "It's just two more days—it doesn't really matter."
- "You've already gotten what you need from this."

All lies.

These final two days matter because they're the final two. Finishing what you started honors God. It builds character. It proves that you're not just excited about new beginnings—you're faithful through the entire journey.

#### ***Application to Ekklesia:***

We are two days away from Day 21—the day we declare, "The promise is closer than we think." But we can only make that declaration with authority if we finish what we started.

This Sunday (Day 21), we're going to celebrate as a church family. We're going to worship. We're going to break the corporate fast (if you've been fasting). We're going to hear testimonies of what God has done. We're going to commission one another for what's next. But you have to show up. You have to finish.

Don't let these final two days be the ones you skip. Don't let fatigue, busyness, or the illusion that "I've already done most of it" rob you of the full blessing.

Press on. The end of the race is in sight. And the prize is worth it.

## DAY 19 – Friday, February 7

### TWO MORE DAYS: DON'T QUIT NOW

#### ***Wilderness Warning:***

Israel quit at the edge of promise and wandered 40 years because of it (Numbers 14:33-34). Ten spies saw the same land as Joshua and Caleb, but only two entered. The difference? They finished what they started. Don't be the one who comes this far only to stop short.

#### ***Today's Obedience:***

Make a commitment right now: "I will finish all 21 days. I will not quit with two days left." Say it out loud. Text it to your accountability partner. Write it down. Then show up tomorrow for Day 20 and Sunday for Day 21.

Ask yourself: "What has tried to distract me or discourage me this week?" Identify it. Reject it. Recommit.

#### ***Prayer:***

***Father, I am so close to the finish line. Forgive me if I've been tempted to coast or quit. Give me strength for these final two days. Protect my mind from discouragement. Guard my heart from distractions. Remind me why I started this journey.***

***I will not give up. I will not grow weary in doing good. I will finish what I started—not in my own strength, but in Yours.***

***Strengthen me. Sustain me. Carry me across the finish line.***

***In Jesus' name, Amen.***

## DAY 20 – Saturday, February 8

### FASTING BREAKS EGYPT'S APPETITE

#### **Scripture:**

***"So we fasted and earnestly prayed that our God would take care of us, and he heard our prayer." — Ezra 8:23***

***"When you fast, don't make it obvious, as the hypocrites do, for they try to look miserable and disheveled so people will admire them for their fasting. I tell you the truth, that is the only reward they will ever get. But when you fast, comb your hair and wash your face. Then no one will notice that you are fasting, except your Father, who knows what you do in private. And your Father, who sees everything, will reward you." — Matthew 6:16-18***

#### **Reflection:**

Egypt trained Israel's appetite. Garlic. Onions. Leeks. Meat. Their bodies craved what their bondage provided (Numbers 11:5). And when the wilderness didn't satisfy those cravings, they complained. Fasting does what the wilderness couldn't do quickly enough—it breaks the appetite for Egypt. It silences the voice of the flesh so you can hear the voice of God.

Ekklesia, this isn't about losing weight or looking spiritual. This is about spiritual recalibration. Fasting says:

- "God, You are enough."
- "I don't need Egypt's menu."
- "I will hunger for You more than comfort."

When you fast, you declare that your soul's need is greater than your stomach's demand.

#### **Wilderness Warning:**

Israel never fasted in the wilderness—they only craved (Numbers 11:4). Their unchecked appetites led to death (Numbers 11:33–34). What you feed grows. What you starve dies. Starve Egypt. Feed faith.

## DAY 20 – Saturday, February 8

### FASTING BREAKS EGYPT'S APPETITE

#### ***Today's Obedience:***

If you're fasting during this 21-day journey, stay committed. If you haven't started, begin with one meal, one day, or one distraction (social media, TV, etc.). Replace consumption with prayer.

Ask yourself: "What appetite—physical, emotional, or spiritual—is controlling me that needs to be broken?"

#### ***Prayer:***

***Father, I lay down my appetite at Your feet. I confess that I have fed my flesh more than my spirit. I have craved comfort more than Your presence. Forgive me. Break every unholy hunger in me. Teach me to feast on Your Word, Your will, Your way. Let this fast produce spiritual breakthrough, not just physical discipline. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

## DAY 21 – Sunday, February 9

### THE PROMISE IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

#### **Scripture:**

***"Then the Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the shame of your slavery in Egypt.' So that place has been called Gilgal to this day."* — Joshua 5:9**

***"So now the Lord our God has given us rest, just as he promised, and no one has been able to stand against us. Not a single one of all the good promises the Lord gave to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled; everything he had spoken came true."* — Joshua 21:44-45 (NLT)**

#### **Reflection:**

Twenty-one days ago, you began this journey. Egypt behind. Wilderness forming. Promise ahead.

But here's what you need to know today: the promise is closer than you think.

Israel wandered 40 years—but it didn't have to be that long. The journey from Egypt to Canaan should have taken 11 days (Deuteronomy 1:2). Disobedience delayed them. But faithfulness accelerates you.

Ekklesia, you are not Israel. You are not destined for 40 years of wandering. You've been warned. You've been taught. You've been prepared. And most importantly—you've been obedient.

God has already begun rolling away the shame, the fear, the limitation, the "not enough" mentality of Egypt. You are stepping into Gilgal—the place where God removes reproach and establishes identity.

River Road is not your wilderness. River Road is your Gilgal—the threshold of promise.

#### **Wilderness Warning:**

Israel stood at the edge of Canaan twice. The first time, fear won (Numbers 13-14). The second time, faith won (Joshua 1-3). Don't let fear make you circle the same mountain twice. Step forward.

## DAY 21 – Sunday, February 9

### THE PROMISE IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

#### ***Today's Obedience:***

This is Sunday—your second week at River Road. Worship like you've already entered the promise. Don't worship from a place of "we're still figuring it out." Worship from a place of "God has already done it."

Declare over Ekklesia today:

- "We are not wandering—we are walking in purpose."
- "We are not lost—we are led."
- "We are not delayed—we are right on time."
- "The promise is closer than we think—and we will possess it."

#### ***Corporate Prayer (For the Whole Church):***

***Father, we thank You for 21 days of formation, fasting, and faithfulness. We are not the same church that left Cane Run Road. We are stronger. We are sharper. We are more dependent on You. Today, we declare: the Exodus has brought us here—but the promise will take us further.***

***We are Ekklesia—called out, set apart, and sent forth.***

***We are not Egypt's slaves. We are not the wilderness' victims. We are Canaan's possessors.***

***Roll away every reproach. Break every limitation. Silence every fear.***

***We step into this new season with boldness, with faith, with fire.***

***The best is not behind us—it's ahead of us.***

***And we will walk in everything You've promised.***

***In the mighty, matchless, miracle-working name of Jesus, Amen.***

## CLOSING PRAYER & COMMISSIONING

### BREAKING THE FAST TOGETHER (Sunday Evening or After Service)

#### Scripture Reading:

Joshua 5:10-12 (NLT)

*"While the Israelites were camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month. The very next day they began to eat unleavened bread and roasted grain harvested from the land. No manna appeared on the day they first ate from the crops of the land, and it was never seen again. So from that time on the Israelites ate from the crops of Canaan."*

"Ekklesia, for 21 days, many of you have fasted. You've denied your flesh to feed your spirit. You've prayed when it was hard. You've trusted when you couldn't see.

Today, we break this fast together—not because the journey is over, but because we've crossed a threshold.

Notice what happened when Israel entered Canaan: the manna stopped. Not because God stopped providing—but because the season changed. They no longer needed wilderness bread. They needed Canaan's harvest.

This fast has prepared you for a new level of provision, a new depth of relationship with God, and a new assignment in the Kingdom. You are no longer surviving Egypt. You are no longer wandering the wilderness. You are possessing the promise."

#### Corporate Declaration (All together):

*"We have fasted. We have prayed. We have trusted. And now, we eat from the land of promise. God has brought us through, and He will sustain us forward. We are Ekklesia—and the best is yet to come."*

## CLOSING PRAYER & COMMISSIONING

### Breaking the Fast:

- Share a meal together (even something simple—bread, fruit, juice)
- Communion (if appropriate in your tradition)
- Celebrate what God has done in these 21 days

**"Ekklesia, you are not the same people who left Cane Run Road. You have been formed, refined, and made ready. Step into this new season with boldness, with faith, with fire. The best is not behind us —it's ahead of us."**

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## **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE (WEEKLY)**

**Each week, small groups can gather to discuss the devotionals and process the transition together.**

### **WEEK 1 DISCUSSION GUIDE: LEAVING EGYPT (Days 1-7)**

#### **Opening Question:**

**"What's one thing you're grateful for about our time at Cane Run Road? And what's one thing you're excited about at River Road?"**

#### **Scripture Reading:**

**Exodus 3:7-10 (God sees His people and calls them to move)**

#### **Discussion Questions:**

**Day 2 talked about "when obedience outgrows familiarity."**

**What does that phrase mean to you personally?**

**Day 5 warned against "packing Egypt with you." What mindsets or habits from the old season do we need to leave behind?**

**Day 6 said, "God parts seas after you step." Where in your life right now do you need to step forward in faith?**

#### **Application:**

**"This week, what's one area where you need to release control and trust God's leading?"**

#### **Closing Prayer:**

**Pray together using Day 7's prayer (Worship in the Wilderness).**

# **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE (WEEKLY)**

## **WEEK 2 DISCUSSION GUIDE: ENTERING THE WILDERNESS (Days 8-14)**

### **Opening Question:**

**"What's been the hardest part of this transition so far?  
What's been the most surprising?"**

### **Scripture Reading:**

**Deuteronomy 8:2 (God led you through the wilderness to test your character)**

### **Discussion Questions:**

**Day 9 taught about manna and daily dependence. Where do you struggle to trust God daily instead of trying to control outcomes?**

**Day 11 warned against complaining. Have you caught yourself complaining this week? What was it about?**

**Day 13 said, "Don't fight Egypt's battles in the wilderness." What does that mean practically?**

### **Application:**

**"This week, replace one complaint with one declaration of gratitude."**

### **Closing Prayer:**

**Pray together using Day 14's prayer (First Sunday at River Road).**

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE (WEEKLY)

## WEEK 3 DISCUSSION GUIDE: POSSESSING THE PROMISE (Days 15–21)

### Opening Question:

**"How has the 21-day devotional and fast (if applicable) changed you personally?"**

### Scripture Reading:

**Joshua 5:9 (God rolls away the shame of Egypt at Gilgal)**

### Discussion Questions:

**Day 17** said, "Ekklesia means called out and sent." How does that change how you see yourself as a church member?

**Day 18** warned that "faithfulness accelerates promise." What does faithfulness look like for you in this new season?

**Day 21** declared, "The promise is closer than you think." What promise do you believe God is speaking over Ekklesia right now?

### Application:

**"This week, where is God sending you? How will you BE the church Monday through Saturday?"**

### Closing Prayer:

**Pray together using Day 21's corporate prayer (The Exodus Has Begun—Now Walk In It).**

## **CORPORATE PRAYER NIGHTS (WEDNESDAY-MIDWEEK)**

*We will have three midweek corporate prayer nights during the 21 days:*

### **PRAYER NIGHT 1: Wednesday, January 22 (Day 3)**

Theme: Releasing Egypt

Focus: Pray for release from old mindsets, fears, and limitations

### **PRAYER NIGHT 2: Wednesday, January 29 (Day 10)**

Theme: Trusting in the Wilderness

Focus: Pray for daily dependence, provision, and God's leading

### **PRAYER NIGHT 3: Wednesday, February 5 (Day 17)**

Theme: Possessing the Promise

Focus: Pray for boldness, unity, and Kingdom vision at River Road

Format (60–90 minutes):

Worship (15–20 min)

Brief teaching from that week's sermon theme (10 min)

Corporate prayer (30–40 min)

Guided intercession

Open mic for declarations

Prayer stations (anointing oil, written prayers, etc.)

Closing worship and benediction (10 min)

## NOTES & REFLECTIONS



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