



## DIG DEEPER QUESTIONS



### JULY 11 | OFFERING ADVICE

1. Have you ever had a runaway family member or friend show up at your door to ask for help?
2. In Exodus 2, we discover that Moses was a runaway. What was Moses running away from? Where did he run to? How did God arrange for Moses to meet Jethro?
3. In Exodus 3, God spoke to Moses in a burning bush. What was His message to Moses? How did Moses respond to God?
4. In Exodus 18, Jethro heard news about Moses. In an age with no electronic communication, how had Jethro heard updated news about Moses? What role did Jethro play in reuniting Moses' family?
5. What did Jethro observe as Moses was serving as a judge for the Israelite people? What were Jethro's concerns? What was Jethro's advice to Moses? How did his advice help?
6. What traits enabled Moses to receive Jethro's advice and implement a new judicial system? Do you find it easy or challenging to receive advice from an older family member?

**CHALLENGE:** This week try asking an older family member or friend for advice and receive the advice as Moses received Jethro's advice.



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### **JULY 18 | PASSING THE MANTLE**

1. Do you most identify with Elijah or Elisha in this week's message? Why?
2. Who has been your Elijah? Who has been a spiritual mentor in your life? Who has walked with you on your discipleship path? Who has answered your questions and encouraged you along the way?
3. Following Elijah's example, who can you prepare to become a spiritual mentor to others when you are gone? What can you do to pass the mantle of your calling from God on to your Elisha?
4. Describe your mantle of faith and your calling to serve God.
5. What do you most want the Elisha's in your life to know about God and being a follower of Jesus?
6. What do you still want to learn about God and being a follower of Jesus?



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### JULY 25 | SLEEPING IN CHURCH

1. Acts 20:7 is the first time in the Bible that worshipping on the first day of the week (Sunday) is mentioned. Why did the early Christians worship on Sunday?
2. The culture that Paul lived in did not reserve Sunday as a typical non-work day. It was a regular work day. What were the unique challenges that faced the early Christians in Troas (Acts 20:6), who worshiped on Sunday nights? What challenges do you face in worshipping weekly?
3. Eutychus marginalized himself by sitting at the edge of the room. How do people in the church marginalize themselves? How do we contribute to their sense of not belonging?
4. Are you living in or have you ever lived at the edge of your faith? Separated? Alone? At risk of falling? How does living on the edge place us at a higher risk of falling into sin or falling out of faith?
5. How can you be like Paul and enter into relationships that can bring new life into those who are far from Jesus? Who is someone you can connect with this week to bring healing into his/her life?
6. The story of Eutychus reminds us that God can reach into our lives and restore us by the Holy Spirit's power. It also reminds us that God's answer to death (physical or spiritual) is resurrection. How does this story bring you comfort and hope?