

# THE WANDER YEARS

## Week 2: Forgetting to Remember

There is a season for everything, including the desert experiences of life. When we are in the desert, all we can think about is getting out. And once we've made it out, how quickly we forget who we needed most. In Deuteronomy chapter 8, we explore how the Israelites forgot who brought them out of the desert they wandered in for 40 years and how we can avoid that same mistake.

## Discussion Questions

1. What are you most looking forward to post-quarantine?
2. In the message, Gavin shared some of the positives he and his family have experienced in this desert season.
  - What is one positive you've enjoyed during this season?
  - What is something you have experienced during this time that you would want to bring into your new normal?
3. In Exodus 3:8, God talks about hearing the prayers of his people. What have you found yourself praying for the most during this desert season?
4. The Israelites' example shows us that pride is perhaps the greatest threat to remembering God. If you're honest with yourself, what's an area in your life where you struggle to give God credit?
5. Deuteronomy 8:12–14 foretold how the Israelites would forget God once they had everything they needed or desired—that they would forget the source of their deliverance and their blessings. And that's exactly what happened.
  - What are some things you can do to help remember God's past faithfulness when life is better and things are good again?
  - What is one way your group can help you remember your dependence on him?

## Moving Forward

Deuteronomy 8:10–11 reads: *"When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day."* Find ways to praise God for the blessings in your life, letting them remind you that you can always depend on his faithfulness.