**Exodus – Share the Load**

**“I can’t carry it for you. But I can carry you!” Samwise Gamgee**

**A Little Help From My Friends**

***Exodus 17:8-16, Deuteronomy 25:17-18***

**Who is Amalek?**

**Gen 36:11-12, 20-22, Deut 2:9-20, Num 13:26-33, Gen 6:1-4**

**“In antiquity a standard was a rallying-point. Often it bore an emblem, symbol, or banner on its top. A standard was normally raised on a hill or other high place to be seen by all. It was an object of focus and hope for the people.” John Currid**

**Conversation and Confession of Jethro**

***Exodus 18:1-12, Is 42:1-4, Matt 12:18-21***

**Stop Working Alone!**

***Exodus 18:13-27***

**Take Aways:**

1. **The Battle is Not Against Flesh and Blood.**

***Ephesians 6:11-12***

1. **Sharing the Wonderful Works of God**

***Deuteronomy 11:18-19***

“There is a subtle difference between ‘Look ***what God has done*** in my life’ and Look what God has done ***in my life***.’”

**Challenge: During one meal of the day, talk about God.**

1. **Leaning on the Support of Others**

***Genesis 2:18***

**“What you are doing is not good!” Jethro**

**Who are the Aaron and Hur’s in your life?**

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1. Share about your last couple weeks as you catch up with one another. How has God been challenging you or encouraging you in your faith since we last met? What new learnings have you had?
2. Do you find it hard to ask people for help or to share when you are going through a hard time? Why do you think this is the case?
3. Can you think of a time where you knew you needed help or support but didn’t want to ask for it? What was that like?
4. Can you think of a time where you got through a difficult time because you had support and help from others? What was it like?
5. Read Exodus 17:8-16 together.
6. What stands out to you in these passages?
7. What questions does this chapter leave you with? What do you find challenging or perplexing about this passage?
8. What do you think God was trying to teach Moses by giving him a task he could not do on his own? What does that say to us?
9. The Amalekites want to disrupt God’s plan and stop the Israelites from going to the promised land, but God’s plan to bring hope and restoration to the nations through Israel culminating in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus will not be thwarted. Does this comfort you? Why or why not? What does it tell us about God?
10. Read Exodus 18 together.
11. What stands out to you in these passages?
12. What do you find challenging or encouraging about this passage?
13. As soon as Moses and Jethro sit down Moses tells Jethro all that God has done. Do you find that the topic of God enters into your conversations on a regular basis? Why or why not?
14. Why do you think Moses would include this story about Jethro and his advice in the story of the Exodus? What does it show us about God that this was included?
15. Moses in this story was trying to do everything himself. What are some reasons why we can fall into this same pattern? What are the things that can keep us from letting others help?
16. Think of as many scriptures as you can that affirm the truth that we need one another, and are called to support each other.
17. Which of the takeaways most resonated with you this week? What is something you can do to apply it to your life?
18. Spend some time praying for one another as you end your time together this week.