**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

**CONNECT:**

* Have you ever had a time when you needed a friend and they did not come through? How did you feel?

**DIG DEEPER:**

* Read John 11:1-44
* What can you gather about Jesus' relationship with Mary, Martha & Lazarus from this passage? (v. 3, 6, 21-2, 35)
* How do you think they felt when Jesus waited two days to see Lazarus, was this what they would have expected from him? How do you think they felt when Jesus didn’t respond immediately?
* How do the two sisters respond? Which one do you relate with? How do you tend to respond to Jesus when things don’t go as expected?
* How do the hardships we experience in life teach us things about God that we never knew? What did Martha and Mary learn from this interaction with Jesus?
* Read Jesus prayer in verses 41-42. What does this teach us about Jesus’ intentions?

**MAKING IT PERSONAL:**

* Is there an area of your life where you feel like you are still waiting for God to respond? How did this sermon/study encourage you in your journey?
* Review the truths that Mary and Martha proclaim about Jesus. What truth about Jesus do you need to proclaim in order to grow in faith and trust in him when things don’t go as expected?
* What is one take away from this study that you will commit to place into action?

**Upcoming at Wave**

**MEN’S RETREAT | Oct. 26-27th**

Save the date for our annual men’s retreat. This year we are headed to Mount Laguna for a time of fellowship, bible study, and hiking! For more information or to sign up simply fill out a communication card and write in Men’s Retreat or find more information at wavechurchsd.com.

**INTENTS BLACK MOUNTAIN HIKE | Oct. 28th**

Our 5th Annual Intents Black Mountain Hike is upon us! Five years ago we started a new ministry to meet the needs of our older elementary school kids. The ministry kicked off with a hike to the top of Black Mountain to ask for God’s blessing and guidance over these young souls. Five years on the tradition continues and as a church we love pouring into the spiritual lives of our children.  If you have a child in 4th or 5th grade who would be interested in participating please fill out a communication card and write intents hike or email info@wavechurchsd.com for more information.

**JOIN A SERVE TEAM TODAY**

At Wave Church SD, we deeply value serving one another. We believe that God designed every person with unique talents and gifts specifically so we can use them to serve Him and others. One way to fulfill God’s purpose for your life is to discover a place to serve within the church. ***We currently have need in our children’s ministry and set up ministries***. For more information please fill out a communication card and check ‘*I want to find a place to serve*.’

**WAVE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

Want to keep up with all that is going on at Wave? Simply fill out your communication card and write **Newsletter** to get a weekly email update from Wave!

**EXODUS 5**

**WHEN LIFE GETS HARDER NOT BETTER**

**WAVE CHURCH SD | OCTOBER 14, 2018**

GOD WANTS TO BUILD IN US AN UNSHAKABLE FAITH

**Exodus 4:28-5:2 (ESV)***28 Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord with which he had sent him to speak, and all the signs that he had commanded him to do. 29Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the people of Israel. 30Aaron spoke all the words that the Lord had spoken to Moses and did the signs in the sight of the people. 31And the people believed; and when they heard that the Lord had visited the people of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped. 1 Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.’  2But Pharaoh said, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and moreover, I will not let Israel go.”*

WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?

**Exodus 3:18-19 (ESV)** *18And they will listen to your voice, and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, ‘The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now, please let us go a three days’ journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.’ 19But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand.*

* GOD’S HAND WORKS BEST IN OUR LIVES WHEN WE ARE PATIENT WITH HIS TIMING.

**Exodus 5:3-9 (ESV)***3Then they said, “The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please let us go a three days’ journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God, lest he fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword.” 4But the king of Egypt said to them, “Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people away from their work? Get back to your burdens.” 5And Pharaoh said, “Behold, the people of the land are now many, and you make them rest from their burdens!” 6The same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their foremen, 7“You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as in the past; let them go and gather straw for themselves. 8But the number of bricks that they made in the past you shall impose on them, you shall by no means reduce it, for they are idle. Therefore they cry, ‘Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.’ 9Let heavier work be laid on the men that they may labor at it and pay no regard to lying words.”*

* IT IS NEVER A FAILURE WHEN WE OBEY GOD, BUT DON'T GET WHAT WE EXPECTED.

HOW DO WE RESPOND WHEN WE OBEY GOD,

BUT DON’T GET WHAT WE EXPECTED?

**Exodus 5:10-23 (ESV)** *10So the taskmasters and the foremen of the people went out and said to the people, “Thus says Pharaoh, ‘I will not give you straw. 11Go and get your straw yourselves wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced in the least.’ ” 12So the people were scattered throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw. 13The taskmasters were urgent, saying, “Complete your work, your daily task each day, as when there was straw.” 14And the foremen of the people of Israel, whom Pharaoh’s taskmasters had set over them, were beaten and were asked, “Why have you not done all your task of making bricks today and yesterday, as in the past?” 15Then the foremen of the people of Israel came and cried to Pharaoh, “Why do you treat your servants like this? 16No straw is given to your servants, yet they say to us, ‘Make bricks!’ And behold, your servants are beaten; but the fault is in your own people.” 17But he said, “You are idle, you are idle; that is why you say, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to the Lord.’ 18Go now and work. No straw will be given you, but you must still deliver the same number of bricks.” 19The foremen of the people of Israel saw that they were in trouble when they said, “You shall by no means reduce your number of bricks, your daily task each day.” 20They met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them, as they came out from Pharaoh; 21and they said to them, “The Lord look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.” 22Then Moses turned to the Lord and said, “O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me? 23For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all.”*

HOW TO RESPOND TO GOD WHEN LIFE GETS HARD

* TURN TO THE LORD | Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)
* ASK WHY? | Isaiah 8:19 (ESV)
* REMEMBER GOD’S PROMISE | Jeremiah 29:11-14 (ESV)

IT IS ONLY WHEN LIFE GETS HARDER, AND GOD DELAYS HIS PROMISE, THAT I REALIZE WHAT IS REALLY INSIDE MY HEART.