

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



**PRINCE
OF PEACE**
Called to Connect



Get It dONE Through Faithfulness

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God is on every page of Prince of Peace's story. Sometimes in plain sight and sometimes in hidden ways. Our journey hasn't always been easy, but God has been amazingly faithful. The history of God's people teaches us that tough times plus God's faithfulness equals a people prepared for the future. And that's our story too.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 8:1-10

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

When God set the Israelites free from their slavery in Egypt he led them through the wilderness for 40 years, not because the Promised Land was so far away, but because the Israelites had a long way to go in learning to be faithful to and dependent upon God. In this reading the Israelites are preparing to cross the Jordan River, moving out of the wilderness and into the Promised Land. And in these verses Moses is reminding the people of how faithful God had been to them in those 40 years of wilderness wandering and calls them to faithfulness as they move into a new future.

Wandering through the wilderness had not been an easy experience for the Israelites, but Moses put it all into context for them. Their hardship made them utterly dependent upon God for survival. And God proved faithful. God fed them, clothed them and protected them. And now they were about to enter a land of great abundance. And while that was a gift, it also posed a real danger. It would be all too easy for the Israelites to become self-reliant and self-satisfied in this new land. The people would be tempted to forget God, thinking that they no longer needed God. But Moses warned them in advance against it. For forty years God had been faithful, teaching the Israelites to depend upon God, and worship, praise and thank God. And because God had been faithful, Moses called the Israelites to be faithful in this next chapter of their story.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share about a time when you experienced God's faithfulness.
- The Israelites had experienced God's faithfulness for 40 years. Why do you think Moses needed to remind them? Do you think we find ourselves in need of the same reminder? Why or why not?
- How can we honor God and walk in His ways as a result of His faithfulness?
- Have you experienced God's faithfulness specifically through Prince of Peace? Share your story.

APPLICATION: This week, spend time reflecting on God's faithfulness in your life. Express your gratitude to God and then ask God to help you discern how to respond to that faithfulness.