

notes from small group

prayer requests

SMALL GROUP

study guide



For sermon on Sunday,
March 10, 2019

LESSONS FOR LEADERS Exodus 18

group discussion questions

1. What is the main point from Scripture as it was taught on Sunday?
2. Are there any Study Questions from this week that you want to discuss?
3. What difference should this Scripture make in our lives today?
4. How does God want your personal beliefs and actions to change based on this Scripture?
5. How can you plan to accomplish this change with God's grace this week? What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

personal study questions

Read: Exodus 18

ASK: PREPARE — *AM I READY TO LISTEN?*

LOOK: OBSERVE — *WHAT DOES GOD SAY?*

- Why did Jethro arrive, with whom, and to where (1, 5)? What were the names of Moses' two sons and what was the meaning behind the names (3b-4)?
- What is emphasized about what the Lord had done for Israel and how did Jethro respond to the news? (8-10) What does Jethro now claim to know and why? (11)
- What did Jethro see, and what two questions did he ask? (13-14)
- What did Moses' father in law think about the effectiveness of Moses' strategy? What negative outcome does Jethro warn will happen and why? What does Jethro declare about Moses' ability in regard to this mission? (17-18)
- What does Jethro tell Moses to do (19)? What is Moses to look for from all the people? What four qualities mark these men? What resulting benefits does Jethro predict? (20-23)
- How did Moses respond? (24-27)

THINK: INTERPRET — *WHAT DOES GOD MEAN?*

- When was Moses' family sent home and why? (2)
- What point in Jethro's faith/spiritual maturity was this? (11)
- Why were there so many disputes among God's people? (13)
- Why does God include this chapter in the Bible?

DO: APPLY — *HOW DOES GOD WANT ME TO RESPOND?*

- Where are you tempted to forget the humanity of leaders (either of yourself or others)?
- What are the symptoms of losing a sincere wonder for what God has done by taking credit or by giving it instead to human leaders?
- What makes us tend to overlook the challenges of a cursed world and the need for leadership? How have our personal disputes led to a greater burden for leaders?
- How are you tempted to consider yourself indispensable and neglect the wisdom and work of a structured strategy and equipping others to join (at school, in the home, at work, at church)?
- Why is it so easy to highlight charisma over character when we choose leaders?
- Where and how might you pray for humility to listen as a leader and for your leaders?