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Exodus 17:8-18:27 – Responding Rightly

Discussion Questions

Pray for God's help as you turn to look at His word, to understand and respond rightly to what you'll see.

Read through the passage and then discuss these questions together.

1. Describe the contrasts we see between the Amalekites (17:8-16) and Jethro (18:1-12). Why do people respond so differently to hearing of what God has done, both then and today?
2. In 18:8 Moses shares his testimony with his Father-in-law, Jethro. What do you notice about his testimony? Who does it draw attention to? If you imagine being a fly on the wall (or canvas!), how do you think Moses would have been speaking as he shared his testimony and why?
3. Have you ever shared your testimony with a non-Christian (that is, your story of what God has done in your life, perhaps including how you came to put your faith in Jesus)? What lessons can we draw from this example to help us to do that well?



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4. Jethro's delight (v9), praise (v10) and worship (v12) are a rebuke to the faithless grumbling of the Israelites in the previous section (16:1-17:7). Sometimes sharing our testimonies and recalling our salvation can ignite in others and reignite in ourselves a passion and gratitude that has grown cool. Perhaps 1 or 2 or 3 would like to share their testimony (or part of it) in your group. Limit yourselves to 2 minutes each to allow others to share.
5. Jethro was a Midianite priest and therefore not someone we might've expected to turn to worship Yahweh. But when he heard Moses' testimony, that's exactly what he did. Is there someone you could seek to share your testimony with this week? How should the *gospel* motivate us to do that even if it feels scary? Encourage each other, share the names of those you'd like to speak with and then turn to pray for opportunities, courage and compassion for the lost.

Pray