



THE LAND BETWEEN

Gratitude over Grumbling – 5/9/2021

OVERVIEW

God is inviting us to leave where and who we have been as a church and go to a new place. A place birthed from the dreams and visions God gives His people. But between the future and where we are now is the “land between” -- and it has purpose. The Israelites went from gratitude to grumbling when things got hard. How will we respond as God is moving us? How will our response reflect our true beliefs about who God is?

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 8:16; Exodus 4:29-31, 5:3-4,8-9,19-21, 15:26, 16:2, 17:3; Numbers 14:2, 16:41; 1 Corinthians 10:6,10; John 16:33; 1 Peter 4:12-13

APPLICATION

- Jeremy shared about the Mar Azul church and the impact they are making. What inspires you about what is happening in Puerto Rico?
- The Israelites saw the signs and wonders that God did through Moses. They knew that change was coming, and God was moving them. Their initial response to this was worship and gratitude. What is your initial response when you know change is coming?
- Pharaoh punished the Israelites by making them produce the same number of bricks but giving them less materials and supplies. Things got harder for them before it got better. The Israelites' response changed from worship to grumbling. What in your life was once life-giving and made you full of gratitude but has now soured and become a place of grumbling?
- Grumbling became the theme of the Israelites' journey. It was a major sin that the Israelites committed over and over during their time between Egypt and the Promised Land. How do we start off and then remain in a place of worship instead of allowing grumbling to enter in?
- What we believe about God's true nature will be revealed by our gratitude or our grumbling. Our choice to be grateful or to grumble will reflect that we either believe God is for us or that God is against us. Examine your life. Which of these do you see most?
- What is a step you can take this week to ensure your heart stays in a posture of gratitude instead of giving in to grumbling?
- NEXT STEP: This week keep a gratitude journal and write down those things where you see God moving, things you are thankful for, and how He has provided for you. Focus your heart on gratitude rather than grumbling.