

# CHURCH 101 / MARCH 23

## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Read & Pray

The sermon passage was Exodus 17:8–18:27. Read Exodus 17:8–16, which captures some key themes. After reading, pray for God to open our hearts to discuss and apply these truths.

### Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- "God is not simply trying to take his people to the Promised Land; he's trying to put the Promised Land into them."
- "In the kingdom of God, everyone is important, and no one is that important, including Moses."
- "God's power comes to his people through intercession ... more important than the fighters is the one on the mountain praying."
- "The ultimate intercessor for the church is Jesus, who pleads his finished work on our behalf."
- "Church is not supposed to be an event you attend; it's supposed to be a community that you belong to."

### Group Discussion

1. In Exodus 17:8–13, how did Aaron's and Hur's support of Moses impact the battle? What does this teach us about prayer and community?
2. Pastor J.D. said that "the ultimate intercessor for the church is Jesus." How should this shape our understanding of prayer?
3. In the sermon, we heard that "no one is too important in the kingdom of God." How does this idea challenge the typical views of leadership and significance?
4. Exodus 18:13–27 highlights the importance of shared leadership. Why is it crucial for every believer to play a role in the church?
5. In what areas of your life do you need others to "hold up your hands" like Aaron and Hur did for Moses? How can we better support each other in this way?

### CHALLENGE

- This week, invite a non-Christian friend or family member for a meal. Ask questions to get to know them better and share one way God has worked in your life, then pray for them daily.

### PRAYER

- Ask God to strengthen our faith in him, trusting that his power flows through prayer.
- Pray God would grant us a deeper reliance on Jesus' intercession for us, asking him to align our prayers with his will and finished work on the cross.
- Ask God to help us be more like Aaron and Hur, supporting one another in times of weariness and lifting each other up in prayer.