

Turning Our Wandering into Wonder

Exodus 13:17–18 || Pastor Matthew St. John || September 4, 2016

DISCUSSION questions

1. Tell about a time you (or your parents!) “took the scenic route.” What made it a positive or negative experience?
2. Read Hebrews 12:3–11 (a parallel passage to Deuteronomy 8). In this passage about discipline, what do we learn about God? About ourselves? What are God’s desired outcomes in discipline? How is God’s discipline an encouragement? What factors cause us to forget that difficult circumstances are God’s design?
3. What circumstances in your life right now would you characterize as a desert wandering experience? How does Pastor Matthew’s teaching on what God does in us in these times re-direct your perspective?
4. Pray for one another—not for resolution of these struggles but for endurance in them, embracing God’s purposes, learning what He desires us to learn, hearing His voice and growing deeper in our relationship with Him.

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