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To Be A Transforming
Community Committed
to Jesus Christ

Moses the Leader

1. After the Israelites left the land of Egypt the people grumbled & complained. They complained because of the journey, the food, their leaders, the dryness of the desert. Many of them wanted to return to Egypt. You may be thinking , *'I'd rather be back where I used to be!'* Can you accept that God has put you where you are for a reason? What is that reason?
2. The people cheered with enthusiasm when Moses gave them the 10 commandments (Exodus 20) but they inwardly grumbled and resisted what God was doing. Their hearts had not changed. We may be very religious, busy and involved, but beneath it all there's a lot of resentment, grumbling complaining, going on. Have you ever felt like that?
3. It has been said that the longer we murmur the longer we will stay in the desert. *Psalm 68.6 The rebellious shall live in the dry land.* Share about a time when you felt like you were in a desert. What brought that season to an end? (or are you still in it?)
4. God threatened to remove His presence from these people. (Ex 33:1, 3) Do you live in the Presence of God? Do you avoid places and situations that would cause God's presence to lift from you? We can learn to **walk** in the Spirit and to **take God's Spirit** with us into all situations. Discuss and share examples.
5. Moses soon found that he was overburdened. He couldn't cope with the needs of all the people. His Father-in-Law Jethro gave him some good advice (Exodus 18:14-22). Every leader must ask: *"What am I am doing?"* & *"Why am I doing this alone?"* Any leader who says: *"If I want it done, I'll just have to do it myself,"* is a poor leader. Do you agree?
6. It's important to recognise our own capacities and capabilities and to learn to delegate. Leaders who try to please everybody surrender their leadership by default to those who bully and intimidate. Do you agree? Can you give an example?

7. We can be so caught up in our problems that we lose sight of our purpose under God. Problems can consume our minds, sap our energy, and leave us exhausted. Share your needs and feelings and pray for each other.
8. How are you planning on growing your group this year? Who would make a good leader when your group is so big that it has to divide?