

TRANSITIONS

4 THEY MARCHED FROM MOUNT HOR ON THE REED SEA[A] ROAD AROUND THE LAND OF EDOM. THE PEOPLE BECAME IMPATIENT ON THE ROAD. 5 THE PEOPLE SPOKE AGAINST GOD AND MOSES: “WHY DID YOU BRING US UP FROM EGYPT TO KILL US IN THE DESERT, WHERE THERE IS NO FOOD OR WATER. AND WE DETEST THIS MISERABLE BREAD!” 6 SO THE LORD SENT POISONOUS[B] SNAKES AMONG THE PEOPLE AND THEY BIT THE PEOPLE. MANY OF THE ISRAELITES DIED. 7 THE PEOPLE WENT TO MOSES AND SAID, “WE’VE SINNED, FOR WE SPOKE AGAINST THE LORD AND YOU. PRAY TO THE LORD SO THAT HE WILL SEND THE SNAKES AWAY FROM US.” SO MOSES PRAYED FOR THE PEOPLE. 8 THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, “MAKE A POISONOUS SNAKE AND PLACE IT ON A POLE. WHOEVER IS BITTEN CAN LOOK AT IT AND LIVE.” 9 MOSES MADE A BRONZE SNAKE AND PLACED IT ON A POLE. IF A SNAKE BIT SOMEONE, THAT PERSON COULD LOOK AT THE BRONZE SNAKE AND LIVE.



GETTING STARTED

Welcome each other. If appropriate, inquire as to anyone who is missing and plan follow-up as needed.

Ask how life has been since the last gathering. Note any prayer concerns.

Are there any thoughts or experiences resulting from last week's sermon on perseverance?



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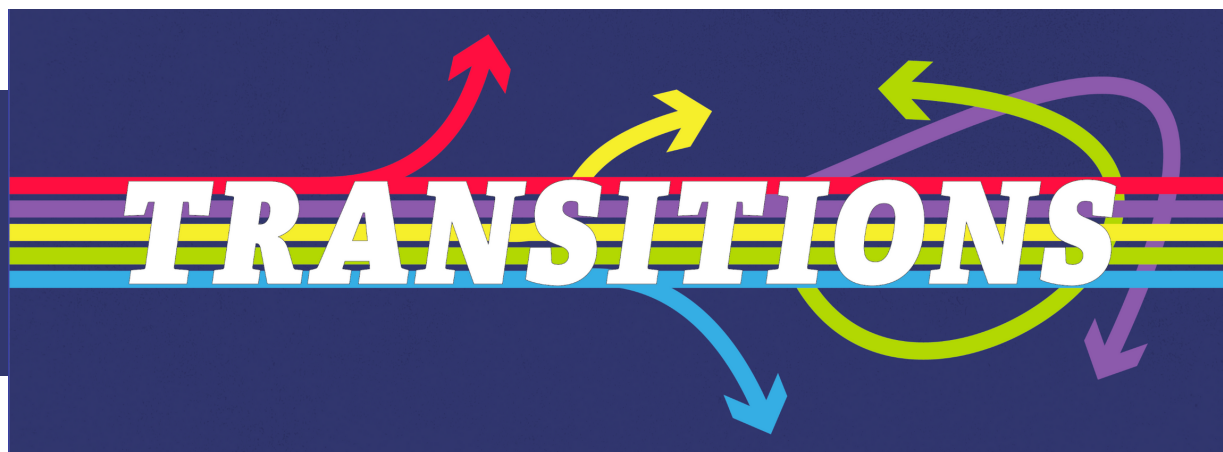
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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- *CONSIDER GROCERY SHOPPING WHEN HUNGRY VS. FULL. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ASSESS THE STATUS OF OUR SOULS?*
- *GIVE ONE OR TWO EXAMPLES OF "CARRYING A WILDERNESS." HOW CAN A WILDERNESS COME TO DEFINE US?*
- *COMPARE CHANGE AND TRANSITION.*
- *HOW CAN THE ISRAELITES' EVENTUAL EXIT FROM THEIR WILDERNESS INFORM OUR OWN? WHAT DID THEY FINALLY DO?*
- *DISCUSS THE RELEVANCE OF THE ORIGINAL CADUCEUS TO OUR HEALING.*
- *THIS IS THE LAST SERMON IN THIS SERIES. WHAT ARE YOUR TAKEAWAYS? THE ISRAELITES? ENDINGS? PERSEVERANCE? CHOICES? LOOKING? OTHER?*



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