



WEEK  
**THREE**  
NOVEMBER 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

Monthly Application: **Contentment—Learning to be okay with what you have.**  
Key Question: **What is good in your life right now?**

**Optional IceBreaker Question:** What are you most looking forward to about Thanksgiving?

**Bible Story:** Exodus 16:2-21; 17:1-7

- What was the Israelites' response to what God had done for them?
- What did they miss out on by whining and complaining?
- The Israelites were very focused on what they had in Egypt, and they missed out on what was good in their life at that moment. What can we miss out on when we are focused on what we don't have RIGHT NOW?
- How can focusing on "the now" help us to be content?
- How did God interact with the Israelites?
- How would you describe God based on His interaction with the Israelites?
- What are some ways God provided for the Israelites?
- What are some ways God provides for us?
- What do you think you might miss out on in the future if you're not content and thankful for what is happening in your life right now?

**Digging Deeper:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- What is this verse saying?
- How could memorizing this verse help you to "be on your guard against wanting more and more"?
- Why would giving thanks for what is good in your life RIGHT NOW help you to learn to be content?
- What does contentment have to do with being joyful?
- Why is prayer important when learning how to be content?
- What do you think it shows others about Jesus when we are choosing contentment?
- Why is it not our natural response to be content?
- What can you do this week to work on contentment?

**Spend Time in Prayer:** Asking thanking God for all that he has done for you and all that he has blessed you with. .

**Monthly Memory Verse:**

*Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has."*

*Luke 12:15, NIV*