

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Are you a person who complains? Do you know anyone who grumbles?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

3. Read Philippians 2:14-15. The Greek word translated "complainer" means literally "One who is discontented with his lot in life."
 - a. It is akin to the word, "grumbler"?
 - b. What does this verse say?
 - c. Why do you think it's easy to complain?
 - d. Why do you think it's easy to complain on social media?
4. The Israelites were known for complaining. There are five events that really captured their grumbling spirit. Please read the first one in Exodus 5:20-21.
 - a. What is this passage about?
 - b. What happened?
 - c. Do you grumble at work or about work?
 - d. Do you have a reputation of complaining with your coworkers?
 - e. Do you come home and complain about work?
5. The second event is found in Exodus 14:11-12. Please read it.
 - a. What strikes you about this passage?

- b. Have you ever said foolish words when you complain?

6. What do you think about C.S. Lewis' quote, "Hell begins with a grumbling mood, always complaining, always blaming others." Is it too strong?

7. The third event happened in Exodus 15:23-24.
 - a. What was the basic complaint?

 - b. What do you think about Rick Warren's quote, "Nothing destroys the warmth of a home faster than complaining. Nothing destroys the harmony of a marriage faster than complaining."

8. The fourth event involved food! Please read Exodus 16:1-7. Compare with Numbers 11:4-6.
 - a. What do you see in these verses that stands out?

 - b. What lessons can we learn from this event?

9. The fifth event is found in Exodus 17:1-4. Please read it. Have you ever considered that when you grumble you actually test God and His goodness in your life?

10. What encouragement do we get from Romans 8:28? When Jesus was faced with 5,000 plus hungry people, what did he say to God in Luke 9:16?

Application

Below are some of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Don't grumble about work. It speaks more about your character than your job situation.
- We say foolish things when we have a complaining spirit.
- Don't be a thirsty complainer. It shouldn't be that easy.
- Don't overlook the miracle of the day.
- **BE THANKFUL.** Find something to be grateful about before you complain. JESUS didn't wait until after the miracle; He thanked God for the miracle before the miracle happened.
- Don't miss Renaissance Sunday!!!