

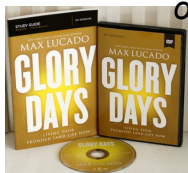
# These Days are Glory Days

## Glory Days: Session 1

Introduction: Do we ask too much of God? Do we desire more than we should? Is God weary of our longings and dreams?

CS Lewis says we can become like children who are confident making mud pies in a slum when God offers a holiday by the sea.

*What are some of the small things we can become entangled in and enamoured with that keep us from experiencing the fullness God wants to offer?*



### WATCH THE DVD AND CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING.....

- What are causes of people uprooting and immigrating?
- How the fresh start of the Israelites is echoed for us
- Does God have a 'Promised Land' for us to take hold of
- The stages along the journey taken by the Israelites and the contrast of experiences in Egypt, the wilderness and Canaan.
- So many of us are living 'humdrum' lives- as if we, like the Israelites, are stuck in the wilderness- but how would the 'world' change if we marched into our promised land?



### DISCUSSION AND BIBLE STUDY

*Take time to process and discuss your responses to the video.*

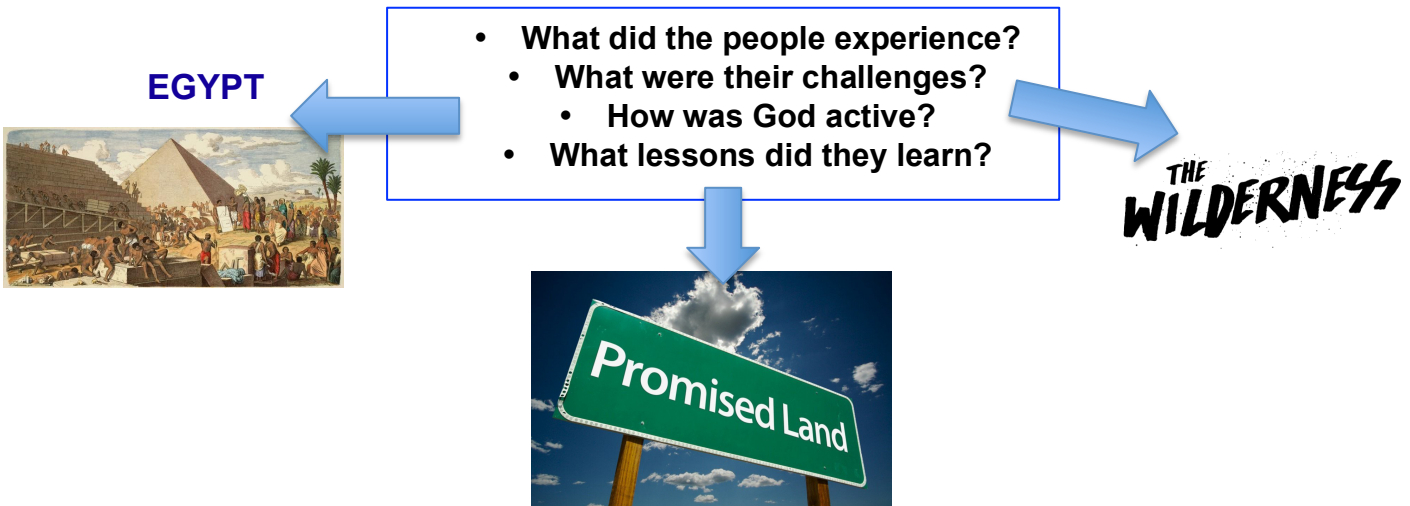
1. Think about a new start season in your own life, how your life would be different if you hadn't stepped into this new chapter of life?
2. Hurt, loss, and brokenness characterised the community experience of Israel. There was a lot of pain and failure. Why is it important for us to honestly remember the low points, and struggles of God's people and our own similar experiences?

**Now read JOSHUA 21:43-45** This glorious and hope-filled summary comes near the end of Joshua. It is a highlight of the whole history of God's people.

What kind of picture do these verses paint? What could your lives look like if these words described the next season of your life?

**GOD promises to not only be with us through the trials of this life but also fight on our behalf.**

3. Consider as a group each stage in the journey of God's people.



4. READ **Romans 8:37-39, Philippians 4:4-7 and Colossians 3:15-17.**

The Promised Land is not a physical place (not even BT9!!) but a spiritual space. It is the space in which we live when we understand who Jesus is and who we can become as we follow him. What do these passages tell us about ourselves and how we should live as we walk with Jesus? **Get practical in thinking how you can do this.**

5. READ **Exodus 15:22-24, 16:1-3 & 17:1-4.** What patterns do you see in the words and attitudes of God's people? Do you respond similarly? Is it possible to live in bondage despite having faith in Jesus as Saviour?

**THIS IS A KEY AREA WHERE WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS JOURNEYING TOGETHER.**

6. READ **2 Corinthians 3:16-18.** This passage notes a number of things that happen when we follow Jesus and walk with him into the **Glory Days** he has prepared for us. Use the passage to describe our change.

Whatever is keeping us in the wilderness: **GOD'S PROMISES**

**OUTWEIGH PERSONAL PROBLEMS.**

**PRAY for each other- that we would move toward God's plan for our lives and know his GLORY DAYS.**