Opening

Gathering: Share something that happened to you that led you to Trust in the Lord.

Today's Focus: God works actively in the lives of those He loves to enable them to become all He intends.

Key Verses: Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. John 14:1

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. Matthew 22:37-38

Opening Prayer

Lesson

Trust in the Lord <=== Write this on the board (see page 4)

Why did God go through the plague process to get His people out of Egypt?
Deuteronomy 29:2-3 = To display his power to Israel so they would Trust in the Lord

Did the Israelites recognize God's almighty power and put their trust in Him?
Deuteronomy 29:4 = No, God had not helped them see, hear or understand

Why did they need God's help? It looks pretty obvious to us.
1 Corinthians 2:7-10 (1-16) = They needed God to reveal it to them by His Spirit

How would God use Israel's events and experiences in the wilderness to teach them to trust in Him?
Deuteronomy 29:5-6 = I did this so you might know I am the Lord your God

Did the miraculous Red Sea crossing have any affect on teaching the Israelites to Trust in the Lord?
Exodus 14:30-31 = the people feared the Lord and put their trust in Him

How long did this faithful trust last?
Exodus 15:22-24 = They grumbled against Moses within 3 days, Marah means bitter

Crisis & Trials (Exodus 14-17) = Thru crises & trials God taught His people to Trust in Him <-- Add to board

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Did God's intervention always achieve the desired results?
Numbers 14:11 = How long will they refuse to believe, in spite of miracles
What was God's intention when He intervened in a crisis?
Exodus 14:31-15:2 = He is my strength & salvation <= To build TRUST
Bread of Heaven (Exodus 16)

How did God remind the Israelites every day to Trust in the Lord?
Exodus 16:17-21 = Provided manna every day, only lasted one day

Why were the people instructed to gather a double supply on the sixth day?
Exodus 16:23-27 = Seventh day is Sabbath (day of rest)

What miraculous sign did God give for our crises and trials?
John 6:30-35 = Jesus is the true bread from heaven, bread of life

Organization (Exodus 18) = Was critical in the beginning years of this new nation

What kind of leadership did the Israelites have at first?
Exodus 18:13-16 (18:1-16) = Only Moses; everyone came to Moses to judge disputes

What was Jethro’s concern about this approach?
Exodus 18:17-18 = Too many people; You will wear yourselves out

What was Jethro’s recommendation?
Exodus 18:19-22 (18:19-27) = Teach God’s laws, Appoint leaders of 10s, 50s, 100s, 1000s

What other organizational steps did this new kingdom take?

Numbers 1 = Tribal leaders appointed, Census taken of all tribes - Why book is Numbers

Numbers 2 = Systematic encampment and breaking of camp by tribe

Numbers 3-4 = Specific religious duties for Levite clans

Numbers 10:1-10 = Orderly communications system with trumpets

Law & Legislation (Exodus 19-31) = A basic set of rules to start the nation on the right foot

How long had Israel traveled when they reached Mount Sinai?
Exodus 19:1-3 = Three months, God gave instructions to Moses for Israel

How did Moses know that God would speak to him on Mount Sinai?
Exodus 3:12 = God called Moses at Sinai, said he’d return with Israel to worship

What is the basic message God had for the Israelites on Sinai?
Exodus 19:4-6 = Obey me & keep covenant, you’ll be my kingdom of priests & holy nation

How did Israel respond?
Exodus 19:7-8 = We will do everything the Lord has said

Three types of Law in the Old Testament:

Civil - Exodus 21:33-34 (Exodus 21-23) = Political law of Jews, evolves with government

Ceremonial - Leviticus 23:26-27 (Leviticus) = Religious practices of the OT Jews, evolves

Moral - Exodus 20:1-3 (Exodus 20) = 10 Commandments, never changes, written into heart

Laws were made for a people, not a person

The Ten Commandments - Exodus 20

1. Exodus 20:3-6 You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. Exodus 20:7 You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
3. Exodus 20:8-11 Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
4. Exodus 20:12 Honor your father and your mother.
5. Exodus 20:13 You shall not murder.
8. Exodus 20:16 You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
10. Exodus 20:17b You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Luther's Explanation

What is the summary of the first tablet of the Law (Commandments 1-3)?
Matthew 22:37-38 (Deut 6:5) = Love Yahweh, your God, with all your heart, soul & mind

What is the summary of the second tablet of the Law (Commandments 4-10)?
Matthew 22:39-40 (Leviticus 19:18) = You shall love your neighbor as yourself

What is the summary of all the Commandments?
Romans 13:8-10 = Love is the fulfillment of the Law

How well does God want us to keep His Commandments?
Matthew 5:48 = Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect
James 2:10-11 = Whoever keeps the whole Law but breaks one point is guilty of all

Can man keep God's Commandments as He wants us to keep them?
1 John 1:8 = If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves & truth is not in us

How, then, can anyone be saved by the Law?
Galatians 3:11 = No man is justified by the Law in the sight of God

Where alone can we find salvation from sin?
Romans 10:4 = Christ is the end of the Law to give righteousness to all who believe

What, then, is the purpose of the Law?
A curb = Defines the limits, Stops outbursts of sin & keeps order in the world
1 Timothy 1:8-9 = Law not for righteous, but for sinners
A mirror = Shows us our sin. Shows us we are unable to be perfect.
Romans 7:7 = I would not have known what sin was except through the Law
A rule = Teaches us how to live a God-pleasing and blessed life
Psalm 119:1, 9 (Psalm 119) = Live according to God's Word to keep way pure

The Golden Calf (Exodus 32-33)

How faithful were the Israelites while Moses receiving God's Law on Sinai?
Exodus 32:1, 4 (1-6) = Impatient for Moses to return, had Aaron make a god for them
Which tablet had Israel broken?
Exodus 20 = First Tablet (Commandments 1-3) - Love the Lord your God

How did Moses react when he returned and how was his reaction appropriate? = Anger burned
Exodus 32:19-20 (15-20, 25-29) = Need to love God in order to truly love your neighbor
How did Aaron explain what he had done? = Blamed it on the people, Didn't take responsibility
Exodus 32:21-24 = I threw the gold into the fire and out came this calf

What was God's initial response to this idolatry?
Exodus 32:9-10 = Destroy them and turn Moses into a great nation, actually a test for Moses

How well did Moses pass this test?
Exodus 32:12, 14 (11-14) = He passed – Recognized it was about Israel, not him

How did Moses try to offer himself as atonement?
Exodus 32:30-32 = Forgive their sin, or else blot me out of Your Book

What did God say that especially turned the Israelites to repentance?
Exodus 33:3-4 (32:30-33:6) = I will not go with you, because I might destroy you on the way

How did God respond when Moses asked God to stay with Israel?
Exodus 33:15-17 (7-23) = He would go with Israel for Moses' sake
Rigid Discipline = To be God’s Chosen People & be a blessing, must be strictly disciplined

How were the Israelites punished for the Golden Calf?
Exodus 32:20 = Burned & ground calf to powder, made Israel drink it
Exodus 32:26-28 = Levites killed those not for the Lord - 3000 people
Exodus 32:35 = Struck people with a plague

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Summary - God formed His new nation through these things to teach them to

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Closing Prayer

Response

1. Do I trust in the Lord when I encounter crises and trials?
   (Exodus 14:10-12; 15:22-24; 16:2-3; 17:1-3; Psalm 27:1-5; 46:1-3; 56:3-4; 2 Peter 2:4-9)
2. Do I recognize the mighty acts and wonders God does in my life?
3. In what ways has God called me to lead in His kingdom and how have I responded?
   (Exodus 18:19-23; 28:1; 32:21-25; Numbers 3:5-10; 12:1-8; 16; Romans 12:4-8; Eph 4:11-16)
4. How do I view God’s Law and apply it to my life? (Deuteronomy 5-6; Psalm 119)
5. When has God disciplined me as a loving father? What effect has it had?
   (Exodus 32:25-35; Psalm 94:12; 119:67, 71; Hebrews 12:4-11; Revelation 13:19)