**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

**CONNECT:**

* What fads or fashions do you remember from growing up? How did the ‘70s, ‘80s, ‘90s, or ‘00s affect your sense of self?

**DIG DEEPER:**

* For weeks we have seen Moses struggle with his identity. As a Hebrew-born, Egyptian-raised individual, he found himself caught between two worlds. Read Exodus 4:18-23. How has Moses’s experience with Midian and Egyptian culture led him to trouble in this passage?
* Read Genesis 17:9-14. Why is circumcision such a big deal?
* Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. What is God’s plan for this new covenant? How does it differ from the first covenant?
	+ How will this covenant be confirmed? Read Luke 22:19-20.
* Read Hebrews 8:6 and 9:15. How is the new covenant better? What does Jesus’ death on the cross ensure for those who believe?

**MAKING IT PERSONAL:**

* Have you ever been rebuked by a close friend or family member? How does God use other people in your life to bring correction when you step out of bounds?
* Are there any areas of your life that are outside the boundaries of God’s will for you? What steps do you need to take to get right with God?
* What is one take away from this study that you will commit to place into action?

**Upcoming at Wave**

**STARTING POINT | Oct. 7th**

Starting Point is our “You Are Here” sign at Wave, and the next
one will be Oct. 7th, right after church! Starting point is an informal “Introduction to Wave” lunch where you will meet other newcomers to Wave, our Wave Pastors, and hear about the story and heart of our church. More importantly, Starting Point is designed to make it easy for you to connect and navigate the next steps to Connect, Grow and Serve at Wave. Lunch is provided for the whole family!

**MEN’S RETREAT | Oct. 26-27th**

Save the date for our annual men’s retreat. This year we are headed to Mount Laguna for a time of fellowship, bible study, and hiking!

**JOIN A SERVE TEAM TODAY**

At Wave Church SD, we deeply value serving one another. We believe that God designed every person with unique talents and gifts specifically so we can use them to serve Him and others. One way to fulfill God’s purpose for your life is to discover a place to serve within the church. ***We currently have need in our children’s ministry and set up ministries***. For more information please fill out a communication card and check ‘*I want to find a place to serve*.’

**WAVE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

Want to keep up with all that is going on at Wave? Simply fill
out your communication card and write **Newsletter** to get
a weekly email update from Wave!

**EXODUS 4:18-31 | BOUNDARIES, BLESSINGS & CURSES**

**WAVE CHURCH SD | OCTOBER 7, 2018**

**Exodus 4:18-23 (ESV)** *18 Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, “Please let me go back to my brothers in Egypt to see whether they are still alive.” And Jethro said to Moses, “Go in peace.” 19 And the Lord said to Moses in Midian, “Go back to Egypt, for all the men who were seeking your life are dead.” 20 So Moses took his wife and his sons and had them ride on a donkey,
and went back to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the staff of God in his hand.
21 And the Lord said to Moses, “When you go back to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the miracles that I have put in your power. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. 22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son, 23 and I say to you, “Let my son go that he may serve me.” If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.’ ”*

DOES GOD PLAY FAVORITES?

* THOSE WHO FIND GOD’S FAVOR LIVE WITHIN HIS BOUNDARIES

GOD HAS SET HIS BOUNDARIES: INSIDE ARE FOUND FAITH AND TRUTH, OUTSIDE ARE FOUND UNBELIEF AND LIES.

Hosea 11:1-4 (NIV), 1 John 3:1 (ESV)

**Exodus 4:24-26 (ESV)** *24 At a lodging place on the way the Lord met him and sought to put him to death. 25 Then Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son’s foreskin and touched Moses’ feet with it and said, “Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me!” 26 So he let him alone. It was then that she said, “A bridegroom of blood,” because of the circumcision.*

WAIT? … WHAT?... WHY?

**Genesis 17:9-14 (ESV)** *9And God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations.
10 This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. 12 He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, 13 both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. 14 Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”*

GOD HAS SET HIS BOUNDARIES: INSIDE ARE FOUND LIFE AND GRACE, OUTSIDE ARE FOUND DEATH AND JUDGMENT.

 **Colossians 2:11-15 (ESV)** *11In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by
the circumcision of Christ, 12having been buried with him in baptism, in which
you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God,
who raised him from the dead. 13And you, who were dead in your trespasses
and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14by canceling the record of debt that stood
against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.
15He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.*

**Exodus 4:27-31 (ESV)**  *27 The Lord said to Aaron, “Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.” So he went and met him at the mountain of God and kissed him.
28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord with which he had sent him to speak, and all the signs that he had commanded him to do. 29 Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the people of Israel. 30 Aaron spoke all the words that the Lord had spoken to Moses and did the signs in the sight of the people. 31 And the people believed; and when they heard that the
Lord had visited the people of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped.*

THERE WILL BE MANY QUESTIONS IN OUR JOURNEY WITH GOD THAT WILL GO UNANSWERED.

* Isaiah 55:8-9, Deuteronomy 29:29

THE JUDGMENT OF GOD ALWAYS BEGINS WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

* 1 Peter 4:17, Hebrews 12:4-12

SIN IS NOT JUST DOING BAD THINGS, IT IS ALSO FAILING
TO DO THE RIGHT THINGS.

* James 4:17