



CONNECT with Jesus **GROW** together **GO** make disciples

ONE CHURCH · MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Downtown

405 NE 6th St.
Thurs @ 6, Sat @ 5p
Sunday @ 8:50,
10:10, 11:30a

Murphy

8551 New Hope Rd
Sunday @ 10a

Redwood

2193 Midway Ave
Sunday @ 9 & 10:30a

GET CONNECTED

Connect Card | New to River Valley? Have an update? Want more info? Have prayer request? Please fill out *Connect* card in chair back or at Connect Center.

To Download My Church App | Text "RVCbeliever" to 77977 and follow the instructions of the text response.

EVENTS

- **Woodcutting Ministry** | Our Woodcutting Ministry helps provide wood to heat cold homes during the winter! Please join this ministry on June 1 as they split and stack wood from 7a-3p. Interested? Call Ken at 541-218-5384.
- **STRIVE Youth Fundraiser** | Join us for our annual youth fundraiser dinner and silent auction on May 29 in the Downtown Campus Auditorium! Buy tickets online!
- **Redwood Connecting Point** | Join us for our membership class next Sunday on May 26 after our 10:30am service in R112.
- **Youth & Kids Summer Camps/Events** | Parents, please view our events page online to register for upcoming Kids, Jr. High & High-School Summer Camps. Check dates below!

- >**CAD Grad Trip:** High School Seniors—Lake Shasta (June 8-12)
- >**Family Talent Night:** For families—Downtown Campus (June 21)
- >**VBS Kids Camp** 1st-6th graders - Redwood Campus (June 24-28)
- >**CAD Summer Camp:** High-Schoolers—Sunset Bay (June 27-30)
- >**Pre-K Day Camp:** 3 yrs-Kinder — Downtown Campus (June 24-27)
- >**Midway Summer Camp:** Jr-Highers—Lake Shasta (July 6-9)
- >**Kids Summer Camp** 2nd-6th—Wilderness Trails (July 28-31)
- >**Rogue River Sports Camp:** 2nd-6th in Rogue River (Aug 13-17)

NEW TO RIVER VALLEY?

Check out the Connect Center

Get information about the many ministries available at RVC.

Enjoy a cup of coffee in the café area!

Welcome mugs for visitors at the Connect Center. We are glad you came!

Didn't find what you need? Call the church office.

541-476-7761 x100, Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-4:30pm



For more information, visit the Connect Center. To register online, and a complete list of events, visit rivervalleycc.org

EXODUS

Learning Leadership
From Unlikely People
Exodus 18

Big Idea: A Good Leader Gives...

1) Credit to God, 2) Consideration to Criticism, and 3) Responsibility to Others

Why Is This Story In Exodus?

- 1) It really happened.
- 2) It demonstrates a positive, foreigner's response to God.
- 3) It shows Israel's need for TORAH (instruction).
- 4) It pauses the story to look back in praise.

I. A Good Leader Gives Credit to God (Thanksgiving) (v. 1-12)

- Moses names his second son 'Eliezer' to honor God.
Gershom means *A Stranger There*; Eliezer means *My God Is Help*
- Moses' shamelessly shares with Jethro all God has done.

III. A Good Leader Gives Consideration to Criticism (Self-Examination) (v. 13-23)

- Moses humbly considers the criticism leveled by his father-in-law.
- Proverbs shows us that correction is vital to growing in wisdom.
- Jesus himself carefully addresses some of the misconceptions and concerns about his ministry. Some examples include Matt 5:17, 9:11-13, 9:14-15, 13:10, 15:2; Luke 5:30.

III. A Good Leader Gives Responsibility to Others (Delegation) (v. 24-26)

- Moses
- In a sense, God delegates the responsibility of helping Moses to Jethro, the pagan priest.
- River Valley leadership tries to model itself generally after Jethro's suggestions (see chart below)

River Valley Leadership

Who?	What?
Life Group Leaders, Children's Teachers	Oversee "The Tens" Most Important "Shepherding" Role The Front-Lines of Church Ministry
Life Group Coaches & Most Ministry Leaders	Oversee "The Fifties"
Campus Pastors & Some Ministry Leaders	Oversee "The Hundreds," Specific Church Teaching & Vision
The Elder Board, Pastoral Team, Pastor Mark	Oversee "The Thousands," General Church Teaching, Vision & Oversight

LIFE GROUP LESSON, MAY 19-25

1. Is it harder to give or receive criticism?
2. What is the best advice or correction you have ever received?
3. Read Exodus 18. Many events happened in the forty years of wilderness wanderings of the Israelites which did not get recorded in the Bible. Why do you think the visit of Jethro merited an entire chapter in the Bible?
4. What sort of relationship did Jethro and Moses seem to have? What aspects of their interactions stand out to you?
5. Why do you think Jethro felt okay challenging the way Moses was doing his job?
6. If you were Moses how would you have felt about Jethro's advice and why?
7. When someone confronts you about something, what is your internal process in deciding whether to appreciate and take their advice or not?
8. Do you think our current culture encourages or discourages these kind of interactions? What makes you think that?
9. Who are the people in your life who will confront you on something that they think could be better in your life or work? What is your attitude when confronting others?
10. How do you feel about sharing the responsibility you have with the people around you? Is it easy or difficult for you to delegate? Why?
11. This week, think about your close relationships. Do you think people feel comfortable challenging you if they think you may need help? Are you comfortable challenging them? How can you grow in both of these areas?