God’s promises are at the core of the witness of Scripture, but often we live in the in-between, liminal space between the anticipation of what might be possible and the inheritance of God’s goodness. In an intentional study of the Wilderness narrative, delve into the impossible promises of a God who upends our expectations of economics and of each other. This ancient story is the cornerstone of the Hebrew Scriptures and yet speaks in fresh ways into our contemporary lives, calling us to live in trust of God’s goodness even when the world operates under scarcity, competition, might-makes-right, and a seemingly endless grind toward perfection. It all feels so overwhelming. The liberation of the Hebrew people from an oppressive economic system will become a clarion call for freedom in our choices, patterns, habits, and practices of faith, so we too come to remember, that on the other side of the promise, there is always, always enough.

Weekly Theme Breakdown: Series-Based
Timing: 5 weeks, anytime
Title: The Impossible Promise of Enough

- **Week 1: Impossible Promise of Provision**
  - Exodus 16 - Manna/Quail in the wilderness
  - Potential secondary (Gospel) Text: John 6:24-35

- **Week 2: Impossible Promise of Resources**
  - Exodus 35-36 - building the tabernacle - you already have what you need
  - Potential secondary (Gospel) Text: Matthew 14:13-21

- **Week 3: Impossible Promise of Rest**
  - Exodus 20:8-11, 23:10-13 - sabbath and fallow laws
  - Potential secondary (Gospel) Text: Mark 2:23-3:6
• **Week 4: Impossible Promise of Enough**
  ○ Lev 19:9-10, Deut 24:19-21 - gleaning laws
  ○ Potential secondary (Gospel) Text: Matthew 5:38-48
  ○ Consecration Sunday

• **Week 5: Impossible Promise of Liberation**
  ○ Leviticus 25 - sabbatical and jubilee
  ○ Thank You Sunday

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**Weekly Theme Breakdown: Lectionary-Based**

Timing: 5 weeks, October - November 2024
Title: The Impossible Promise of Enough

• **October 13, 2024 - Proper 23, Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**
  ○ Title: The Impossible Promise of Generosity
  ○ Mark 10:17-31

• **October 20, 2024 - Proper 24 - Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**
  ○ Title: The Impossible Promise of Humility
  ○ Mark 10:35-45

**Possible Break for Reformation (10/27) and All Saints (11/3)**

• **October 27, 2024 - Proper 24 - Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost (if you don’t break for Reformation Sunday)**
  ○ Title: The Impossible Promise of Persistence
  ○ Text: Mark 10:46-52

• **November 10, 2024 - Proper 27, Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
  ○ Title: The Impossible Promise of Abundance
  ○ Mark 12:38-44

• **November 17, 2024 - Proper 28, Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**
  ○ The Impossible Promise of Safety
  ○ Mark 13:1-8

• **November 24, 2024 - Proper 29, Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**
  ○ The Impossible Promise of Kin-dom
  ○ John 18:33-37 (Christ the King)