## Discussion Questions Exodus 17:8- 18:26

1. Who are the Amalekites and what does the scripture tell us about them (See Gen 36:12, Deut 25:17-19). What is the significance to the timing and location of this attack?

2. What were Moses' plans to win the battle? What do we know about Moses' staff (see Ex 4:20) and what else has Moses done with the staff? What was the correlation between Moses holding the Staff above His Head and the Israelites winning the battle?

3. Why does Moses say, "Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand"? What is Moses commanded to do to commemorate (remember) the winning of this battle? What is the ultimate result of this battle with the Amalekites? (see *Deut 25:17-19*) 4. What was Jethro's occupation? While the Medianites certainly did not worship YHWH, how does Ex 18:12 shed light on who Jethro worshiped.

5. What was Moses' practice and why does Jethro say it was "not good"? What does Jethro say are Moses' most important responsibilities? (vv19-20)? How does this inform your thinking about what a Pastor's most important responsibilities ought to be?

6. What is Jethro's solution to the problem that Moses is facing? What does Jethro say are the character traits that Moses is to look for in selecting responsible men as leaders for the Israelite community? How do the requirements for <u>Biblical Church Leadership</u> correspond to the leadership requirements for the Israelite community? (see 1 Tim 3:1-13) Why are these character traits important today for Church Leadership?