

GROUP DISCUSSION SHEET

In the Wilderness...more than Numbers | Week 1 | Oct 5 & 6, 2024

Scripture and Big Idea

Numbers 1-4 | God calls us to a faithful life, trusting his power and presence.

Questions for Connection *(Offer these to help the group become comfortable and connected)*

1. If you could have one “do over” in life, what would it be?
2. Which would be harder for you? Navigating in a desert or in a forest? Why?

Questions for Study *(Each grouping starts with fact questions and progresses to application in BLUE)*

Warm up: What stood out to you in the sermon?
 Was there anything in the Live it Out that helped you encounter Jesus more personally?

God is faithful to his covenant promise despite human rebellion

1. Overview: The people were preparing to leave Mt Sinai and go into the wilderness toward their new home. What challenges could you imagine they might face?
What opposition and difficulty have you faced in the “wilderness”?
How have these challenges helped you encounter God?

2. Numbers 1:1-3: Why would God have wanted only men 20 and older counted in the census?
How might this census have given the Israelites courage as they set out?
How has God encouraged you when facing trials and temptations?

God orients the life of his people around his presence and guidance

3. Numbers 2:1-2: What direction did the tribes face when they were arranged in the camp?
What truths about God would the position of the tabernacle have communicated to the people?
What can you do to position God in the center of your family? Your relationships? (Jn 15:1-7)
4. Numbers 3:11-13: The Levites were counted as payment in place of the firstborn of the other tribes.
How is that like what Jesus did in redeeming or making payment for us? (Titus 2:11-14)
What is your response to being purchased by Jesus?
5. Numbers 4:15: The Levites were responsible to move the sacred pieces of the tabernacle.
What might happen if pieces were moved before they were covered by Aaron’s family?
How have you experienced God’s grace after moments of disobedience in your own life?

God has always provided a way to live in his presence

6. Numbers 1:54, 2:34, 3:51, 4:49: What phrase is repeated to summarize each section?
Is there a command of God that you are having trouble obeying?

“Go to” for any text

1. What is your biggest take away from this lesson?
2. What did you learn about God from this passage?
3. How will you pray differently as a result of what you learned?
4. What one change will you make in your life from this lesson?
5. What is a key verse for you from this text?

Questions to ask Jesus *(Offer these for personal reflection before your group prayer time)*

1. Ask Jesus, “How can I trust you more in the wilderness places you have asked me to travel?”
2. Ask Jesus, “What concern do I need to trust you with right now?”