

GROUP DISCUSSION SHEET

In the Wilderness...more than Numbers | Week 3 | Oct 19 & 20, 2024

Scripture and Big Idea

Numbers 20-24 | God is faithful to his plan despite our rebellion or failure.

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

1. Finish the sentence: "I would love to....."
2. What do you do to relax?

Questions for Study *(Fact questions get people reading the Bible. Application questions get people talking. Both are needed.)*

Warm up: What stood out to you from the sermon?

Was there a question in the Live it Out that you would like to discuss together?

Read selected passages from Chapter 20 (20:1-13, 22-27) **God's faithfulness is not thwarted by us.**

1. What promises did God make to Israel about the future (Gen 12:1-3, 15:7-19)? How have they been fulfilled? What promises has he made to you regarding eternal life?(Share any verses you know)
2. In what ways did the people and the leadership (Aaron and Moses) fail to obey? What did it cost them? When has disobedience cost you something? Will it ever cost you eternal life?
3. The failures of the people did not stop God's plan. How does sin and disobedience impact one's salvation? How does it impact transformation? How does it impact intimacy with Jesus?

Have a member read Chapter 21:4-8 **God faithfully disciplines to shape our faith**

4. Even after a great victory, the Israelites returned to grumbling. How did God discipline the people? Do you see the consequences as harsh or gracefilled?
5. When have you experienced God's discipline and how did it benefit you? What is your attitude toward God's discipline? (Hebrews 12:7-11)
6. Looking upon the bronze snake saved them. Who did John say the snake represented? (John 3:14-15) What does it mean to look to Jesus for life? In what situations can you look toward Jesus more this week?

Read selections from Chapters 22-24 (22:1-7, 20-35, 23:7-8, 19-29, 24:17-19)

7. Can your group piece together the story of Balaam? (Who was Balak? Why did he hire Balaam? How did God control the donkey? How did God control Balaam's speech?)
8. In what ways does God show his ultimate power and control in this story? When have you found God's power and control in your life to be a comfort? Has it ever caused frustration?
9. Balaam prophesied about a great king to come out of Israel. Compare 24:17-19 to Revelation 19:14-16. What do you learn about Jesus? What difference does that make in how you relate with him and trust him?

"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, "Where do I need to trust you actually know what you are doing?"
2. Ask Jesus, "What discipline have I endured at your hand and what would you like to teach me?"