



Life Group Study God With Us Numbers

The Book of Numbers relates the story of Israel's journey from Mt. Sinai to the plains of Moab on the border of Canaan. Numbers records the murmuring and rebellion of God's people and the subsequent judgment. Those whom God had redeemed from slavery in Egypt responded not with faith, gratitude, and obedience but with unbelief, ingratitude and repeated acts of rebellion. Numbers graphically portrays Israel's identity as the Lord's redeemed covenant people and her vocation as the servant people of God, charged with establishing His kingdom on earth. God's purpose in history is implicitly disclosed: to invade the arena of fallen humanity and affect the redemption of His creation—the mission in which His people are also to be totally engaged. God does display His wrath even against His errant people, but His grace is renewed as surely as the dawn and His redemptive purpose will not be thwarted.

Read Numbers 20:12

What was God's response to failed leadership?

What message does this convey to the leaders in Christ's church today?

Read Numbers 21:1-3

What would you have expected Israel to do when the King of Arad attacked them?

What was God's response to the Israelite's dependence on Him?

What situation might the Lord completely reverse in your home, business, or relationships if you would depend on Him?

Read Numbers 21:4-7

Why did the Israelites take the long way to Canaan?

After their recent victory over the Canaanites, why would the Israelites react as they did?

When the people accused Moses and complained about the manna and lack of water, whom did they reject?

What were the consequences of their rebellion this time?

What ray of hope for the Israelites is in verse 7?

Read Numbers 21:8-9

What did the Lord tell Moses to do?

Why would Moses have thought the Lord's instructions were strange?

Read John 3:14-16. Explain Jesus' words in light of Numbers 21:8-9.

How would you describe your belief in the Son of Man, Jesus Christ?

What have you learned about God in Numbers chapter twenty one?

How would you apply what you have learned about God in this study and make it part of your life?

Group Prayer

Please pray for each other that God would give you "the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so you may know Him better" and that the "eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you."