

Bible Challenge 2014
Going Deeper – Questions for Readings
Week 9

How does the setting of the Book of Numbers change in chapter 10? Does this help explain what the Israelites are doing in Numbers 1-9? Why or why not?

How do the Israelites know that God is present in their camp? How do they know when to march and when to rest? (Numbers 9:15-23)

What are the Israelites complaining about in Numbers 11? How does God respond to them? Why? What is Moses' complaint to God? How does God respond to him?

Who are Eldad and Medad? What were they doing in the Israelite camp? What is prophecy? What are the defining characteristics of a prophet? (Numbers 11:26-29)

Why are Miriam and Aaron speaking against Moses in Numbers 12:1-2? How does God respond to them? What happens to Miriam? Why does the same thing not happen to Aaron? How is Miriam healed and restored? (Numbers 12:4-16)

What land are the Israelites called to scout out in Numbers 13? Why? How many scouts are sent? How long are they gone? What report do they give to Moses, Aaron, and the congregation of the Israelites when they return? How does Caleb and Joshua's report differ from those of the other ten scouts (Numbers 14:6-9)? What does this say about their faith in God? How do the Israelites respond to these different reports? What does that say about their faith in God?

Why is God so angry with the Israelites in Numbers 14? What does God say he is going to do to them? How does Moses save the Israelites from God's wrath? What are the consequences for the Israelites lack of faith in this instance? Does God offer any grace to the Israelites in this instance? If so, how?

How does Numbers 15 differ from the chapters before and after it? Why?

Who are Korah, Dathan, and Abiram? What happens to them? Why? What does this tell us about them? What does this tell us about Moses, Aaron, and God? (Numbers 16)

What happens to Aaron's staff in the Tabernacle/Tent of Meeting? What does this signify? (Numbers 17:1-11)

Why does God tell Moses and Aaron that they will not get to enter the Promised Land? (Numbers 20:12) What does this tell us about the character of God?

What happens at Mount Hor? Who is Eleazar? What does Moses do to Eleazar? Why? (Numbers 20:22-29)

Why does God send poisonous snakes amongst the Israelites in Numbers 21:1-9? How did they survive this plague? What does this tell us about God?

Why do you think the story of Balaam and his donkey (Numbers 22:21-35) was included in the Book of Numbers? Does this story speak to your life today? Why or why not?