



HOMEWORK FOR AUGUST 8

Sinai: Moses to Joshua

Readings for the week: Numbers 1, 6, 13-14, 16, 21; Deuteronomy 30-31; 1 Corinthians 10; Hebrews 3-4

QUESTIONS

- 1) Read Numbers 1:1-3. Why would God want to count how many men were available to serve in the army? What were they about to go do? How does this fulfill one of the promises to Abraham?

- 2) Read Numbers 1:47-53. What was the Levites' role in the army? What does this tell us about how God's army was different from other armies?

- 3) Read Numbers 6:22-27. What does this blessing tell us about the Lord? How and why does being in God's presence bless the people?

- 4) Read Numbers 1:54, which reflects how the people were in Numbers 1-10, when they were preparing to go into the land. Then read Numbers 11:1-3, which shows how the people behaved once they actually set out on the journey. What is the difference between their attitudes? Why?

- 5) Read Numbers 16. What were Korah and the others complaining about? How does this connect to what Paul says about the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12:14-30?

- 6) Read Numbers 21:4-9. Why did the people complain to Moses again?

Why would God tell them to do something that seemed so much like making a idol? If it's not making an idol, what

do you think it means?

7) Read John 3:14-15. How does Jesus relate this story to Himself? How is looking at the bronze serpent similar to looking to the cross? _____

8) Read Deuteronomy 30:11-20. Why is following the way of the Lord life and blessing, but the way of the world death and destruction? How have you seen that to be true in your own life? _____

9) Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-14. How does Paul say that the stories of Israel in the wilderness help us in our lives today?

What does Paul warn us against that the generation in the wilderness did? _____

10) Read Hebrews 3. How did the people put God to the test in the wilderness? _____

Why does God call their rebellion “hardening their hearts”? How does this compare to what He said about Caleb back in Numbers 14? Why does God focus on the heart? What does that say about God?

APPLICATION

We are living in the wilderness. This world is not our home, we are on our way to God’s perfect kingdom. But in the meantime, we are learning to walk through the wilderness with Him as our Guide, our Protector, and our Provider. Will we trust in Him or will we turn to other “gods” to be our provider? Will we look to other “truths” to be our guide? Will we look to other “powers” to be our protector? Maybe even our own selves, our own strength?

- Spend some time evaluating your own wilderness journey. What temptations surround you? What makes you want to grumble or complain? What makes you struggle with trusting in God?
- How is God preparing you for His perfect consummated kingdom? How is He growing you in spiritual maturity, trust, and the fruit of the Spirit?
- How can you learn to trust in the Lord more deeply and more fully?
- What would it look like for you to follow Him completely, with your whole life?
- What difference would it make in your life if you did?

As you walk through the rest of your week pray for God to help you trust in Him to be your Husband (in the ancient world’s definition of husband/wife) – your Guide, your Protector, and your Provider. Ask Him to help you trust in Him to be those things for you, rather than looking to other things or even trying to rely on yourself for those things.