

LEVITICUS 21-27; NUMBERS 1-2

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- a. The Bible reading for Week 10: Lev 21-27; Num 1-2
- b. The following questions may be used for personal reflection or cell group discussion. You do not need to attempt all questions at cell questions.

1. Leviticus Chapters 17-26 is known as the Holiness Code. Read the following article:

<https://www.esv.org/resources/esv-global-study-bible/introduction-to-leviticus/>

For a summary of the Feasts/Festivals in Leviticus, read the following:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Jewish-festivals.html>

The Sabbath year (once every seven years where all farming stopped) – What would be the direct consequences of this year-long Sabbath (25:1-7)?

What effects might such land management have on Israel's local economy?

What would the practice of "land Sabbath" say about trusting God?

As far as historians can go back there is no record of Israel ever following the 50 year Jubilee (Lev chap 25:8 ff). Why do you think this was never practiced?

What are the consequences of picking and choosing what commandments of God we follow?

Leviticus may appear outdated with its peculiar rituals, the disturbing economic practices, as well as the bloody animal sacrifices. So, for us today, how do we remain reconciled to God?

What is the best way to worship a Holy God?

How are we act toward each other within the framework of God's covenant?

2. Read Numbers chapters 1 and 2. Why did God order a census (1:3)?

Why were women and males under twenty not included in this census?

Why were the Levites not counted in the census (1:49-50)?

The Levites were given a special calling. God gives each of us a specific calling as well. What has God called you to do for him?

Why was it necessary for Israel to be prepared for war while they were still in the wilderness?

How important is it for us as Christians to prepare ourselves for spiritual warfare (Eph 6:10-20)? How are we to do that?

In Leviticus chap 2, the children of Israel obeyed what the Lord said, they followed his direction, even where to sleep!

What direction has God given you that may not seem important or make sense right now but you must follow?

Discuss the importance of obedience in the life and teachings of Jesus in the 4 Gospels. Give book, chapter, verse.

NUMBERS 3-10

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- a. The Bible reading for Week 11: Num 3-10
- b. The following questions may be used for personal reflection or cell group discussion. You do not need to attempt all questions at cell meetings.

1. Read Numbers chapter 3. God gave specific instructions throughout his Word that must be obeyed. If we are not obedient there will be consequences.

How have you known this to be true in your life?

2. Read Numbers chapter 4. Sometimes the tasks that God calls us to are a burden. They can be difficult to bear.

How have you been obedient to God when the task seemed like too much of a burden to carry?

3. Read Numbers chapter 5. Sin is always found out, for we cannot hide anything from God. We must confess our sins to God in order to keep our relationship with him growing.

What is hindering you from drawing near to him today?

4. Read Numbers chapter 8. All that belongs to God must be set apart and cleansed. Jesus' blood cleanses us, but we must ensure that we remain set apart throughout our daily lives.

What steps do you take to ensure that you remain set apart from the world?

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- 5. Read Numbers chapter 9. The people of Israel faithfully followed God's guidance.**

How are you following God's guidance in your life right now?

NUMBERS 11-20

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- a. The Bible reading plan for Week 12: Num 11-20
- b. The following questions may be used for personal reflection or cell group discussion. You do not need to attempt all questions at cell meetings.

1. Read Numbers chapter 11. God takes care of his children's needs, yet if we are not careful we can grow weary of his provision and long for something different ...something more.

How do you ensure that your spirit remains grateful for his provision?

2. Read Numbers chapter 13. Even though the land of Canaan was promised to them and God had provided for them, the people still did not trust God to bring them into the Promised Land safely.

What is God asking you to trust him to do today?

3. Read Numbers chapter 14. When we fail to take God at his Word and seek to do things our own way, he will allow us to wander. In the midst of our wanderings we often miss out on the blessings that God has for us.

What blessings have you missed out on because of your own wanderings?

4. Read Numbers chapter 20. Instead of focusing on all the great things God had done for them, the people continued to complain.

What are some things you can praise God for today?

NUMBERS 21-30

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- a. The Bible reading plan for Week 13: Num 21-30
- b. The following questions may be used for personal reflection or cell group discussion. You do not need to attempt all questions at cell meetings.

1. Read Numbers chapter 21. As punishment for their discontentment, God sent serpents. Those who were bitten could be saved by fixing their eyes on a bronze serpent.

How does this remind you to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus?

2. Read Numbers chapter 22. Balaam became displeased with his donkey because it would not move, only to find out that it wasn't moving because of God's angel.

Name a time you were angry because things were not working out the way you wanted them to, only to discover tht it was God's plan for things to not work out.

3. Read Numbers chapter 23. Balak sought to have God curse his people which caused him to be cursed instead.

How can this bring you comfort today?

4. Read Numbers chapter 24. Balaam was able to forsee the future of God's people even though he was wicked. Many see the works of God but only a few truly believe.

Is there someone in your life who holds this true? Let's pray for them.

5. Read Numbers chapter 25. Today we see the importance of those we surround ourselves with.

How do you ensure you have great quality friendships in your life? What qualities do you look for in that person?

6. Read Numbers chapter 29. Daily the people were to offer sacrifices; however, there were times when they were to stop from all activities and focus solely on God.

How does applying this same practice help you spiritually?

NUMBERS 31-36; DEUTERONOMY 1-2

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- a. The Bible reading plan for Week 14: Num 31-36; Deut 1-2
- b. The following questions may be used for personal reflection or cell group discussion. You do not need to attempt all questions at cell meetings.

1. Read Numbers chapter 31. God gave specific instructions for how the Israelites to handle the plunder from war.

How are you careful to not allow the things of this world to drag you away from holiness?

2. Read Numbers chapter 32. The people of Gad and the people of Rueben decided they did not want to receive their inheritance in the Promised Land. Instead, they preferred to receive it on their current side of the Jordan River.

Share a time when you allowed fear, comfort or worldly desires to hold you back from what God had planned for you.

3. Read Numbers chapter 33. The Israelites were told to remove all the idolaters and their idols so that they themselves would not fall into temptation.

Are there things that God is laying on your heart that you need to separate yourself from?

4. Read Numbers chapter 34. The land was very fruitful and could supply all of the people's needs. God once again provided them with everything they needed.

How does knowing this bring you encouragement and comfort today?

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5. Read Numbers chapter 35. God provided a refuge for those who took the lives of others until they could be judged appropriately. Jesus is our refuge.

How does knowing this bring encouragement and comfort today?