Sermon Discussion Questions: Numbers 20

May 27th, 2018

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?

2. What are some of our default modes of acting when we realize we have a need that we cannot supply? See Israel's default mode in Numbers 20:2-5.

3. Read Psalm 145:14-20. What must we believe about the Lord and believe about ourselves for us to come humbly to the Lord in a time of our need?

4. Read Numbers 20:8-11. In what ways did Moses rebel against God's original call to speak to the rock as a means to provide water for the people? Moses' actions drew attention to his anger rather than God's mercy and his deliverance rather than God's provision. He was seen as the savior: The final judge and deliverer. What are some situations when you struggle with having a "savior complex"?

5. In what ways is God shown to be holy (distinct, set apart, above and beyond us) in this text and how does this encourage and confront us in light of our regular unholiness?

Gospel Bridge in Numbers 20: Paul says that the Israelites "drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ," (1 Cor. 10:4). Just as the Israelites received the blessing of water by the beating of the rock through Moses' rebellion, so we receive the blessings of salvation because Christ was beaten, bruised, and killed by our rebellion on the cross.