

Sermon Discussion Questions: Numbers 20-21

June 10th, 2018

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?
2. Israel planned to pass through the land of Edom. When Edom refused to let them pass, Israel had to redirect. How do you respond when your plans are redirected and changed? What challenges do we face in trusting the Lord in these moments?
3. When faced with any challenge our tendency is to look to our abilities and strength. In this sermon Israel is facing many challenges from other nations. Read Psalm 33:13-22. How does this psalm confront our tendency toward self-reliance and why can we rely on the Lord to be our help in the face of our enemies and challenges?
4. The Lord reminds us through Paul that when faced with enemies and conflicts we are called to pursue peace. "If possible, as far as it depends on you live peaceably with all, (Romans 12:18)." In what ways does Israel initially pursue peace with these other nations (Numbers 20:17-21 & 21:21-22)? How can you pursue peace in a conflict you are facing now?
5. As Christians, we fight this war not by taking lives in defeat, but by laying down our lives for other's salvation. Who has God called you to sacrificially serve that they might know Christ? How can you boldly begin serving and loving them that you might share the Gospel?

Gospel Bridge: Just as Israel trusted the Lord to deliver them in the face of great conflict, so we trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, our great victor over sin, the grave, and death itself, to deliver us in the face of our greatest enemy, our sin. ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us (Romans 8:37).