

Sermon Discussion Questions: Numbers 21:4-9

June 17th, 2018

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?
2. Since the Edomites would not let Israel pass through, they had to travel the long route around Edom. The text says that the people “became impatient along the way.” What situations and circumstances cause you to feel impatient and why?
3. In what sense was the peoples’ complaint in Numbers 21:5 an act of them speaking against the Lord and against Moses?
4. In the story of Scripture we see that Satan took the form of a serpent in order to tempt Adam and Eve and bring a curse into God’s creation. For what two purposes does God use the serpent in this chapter and how does this reverse the curse of the initial serpent in the garden?
5. Reading John 3:13-18 and Galatians 3:13, how does the serpent being raised up function as an appropriate symbol of what Christ did on the cross to save us from condemnation of the curse? How might the lifting up of the serpent point to the defeat of the curse? See Genesis 3:15.