

Sermon Discussion Questions: Numbers 33

September 9th, 2018

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?
2. What are some key moments in your own story that you point to in order to remember God's faithfulness in your own life journey? How can you begin establishing reminders of God's faithfulness along the way?
3. Looking at Deuteronomy 8:11-17, what happens when we forget the Lord's faithfulness and work in our lives?
4. How do the sacraments function as a regular reminder of God's faithfulness? See the quote by Calvin on the definition of the sacraments:
"First, we must attend to what a sacrament is. It seems to me, then, a simple and appropriate definition to say, that it is an external sign, by which the Lord seals on our consciences his promises of good-will toward us, in order to sustain the weakness of our faith, and we in our turn testify our piety towards him, both before himself, and before angels as well as men. We may also define more briefly by calling it a testimony of the divine favour toward us, confirmed by an external sign, with a corresponding attestation of our faith towards Him." (John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, Book 4 chapter 14.1)
5. David mentioned that in Numbers 33 the Lord draws out his faithfulness along the journey home to the promised land, but neglects to draw attention to their sin and failure. It is as if he forgot those particular instances of rebellion. Read Colossians 2:13-15. What has God done with our past record of sin and how does this keep us from continuing to keep detailed records of our sins?