

Numbers Bible Study Assignment

May 9, 2022

Discussion Questions

1. The Book of Numbers wrestles with the transition of faith from one generation to the next. What do you think would be one difference between the generation of Israelites who witnessed the Exodus and the next generation? How would this difference affect the faith of each generation?
2. Name one difference between your generation and either the one which came before yours or the one which came after. How would this difference affect your ability to communicate your faith?
3. Name an issue that your parent's generation struggled with that your generation doesn't seem to concern itself with. Why do you think the subject was seen so differently by each generation?
4. Numbers contains stories and laws about boundaries, inclusion, and exclusion (this, not that). What is an example of a boundary issue in the first three books of the Bible? What is one boundary issue that is currently in dispute in either (or both) the political or religious arena?
5. The theme of "wilderness" is prominent in Numbers. Name one biblical wilderness.

6. Give your definition of wilderness.

7. The Book of Numbers was most likely rendered into its final form during the Babylonian Exile, which began when invaders destroyed the Temple, flattened Jerusalem, and took many Israelites to live as captives in Babylon for 70 years. How might living as an Israelite under these circumstances have shaped how he/she communicated his/her history to future generations?

8. Several chapters of Numbers are dedicated to census taking. Name one reason censuses are taken today. What do you think was the purpose of counting the Israelites in the wilderness?

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