

## Numbers Bible Study Assignment

August 18, 2022

Reading Assignment: Numbers 15-16

### Discussion Questions

1. Given what you know from Chapter 14, who would be making the offerings described in Chapter 15?
2. Why do you think that it was important for Israelites and non-Israelites living in the same community to have the same laws?
3. In Numbers 15:22-28, what offering was the community to make for unintentionally breaking one of the commandments given by God through Moses? What offering was an individual to make for unintentionally violating a commandment? Compare this scripture to Leviticus 4:13-21 and 4:27-31. Are the instructions the same or different?
4. Some biblical scholars interpret Numbers 15:32-36 as an example of the instruction given in 15:30. Do you agree? Why or why not?
5. Compare Numbers 15:32-36 to Leviticus 24:10-23. Give one similarity and one difference.
6. What was the purpose of the fringes on Israelite garments? Read Luke 8:43-48. What happened to the fringes on Jesus' cloak? Do you think Jesus' fringes served the same purpose as stated in Numbers? Why or why not?

7. Most biblical scholars agree that Numbers 16:1-40 is the combination of two rebellion stories.
  - a. What two tribes were represented?
  - b. What were the two complaints?
  - c. Name the revolutionaries:
  - d. Where were the two places of confrontation?
  - e. What were the two punishments?
  
8. In Numbers 16:46-48, what did Aaron do to stop the plague that jeopardized his role as high priest? (Hint: see Leviticus 21:11)

**September 8 Assignment – Numbers 17-18**