

Numbers Bible Study Assignment

October 20, 2022

Reading Assignment: Numbers 32-33

Discussion Questions

1. How was the request of the Gadites and Reubenites in chapter 32 similar to the response of the spies in chapters 13 & 14 of Numbers?
2. Moses' response to the Gadites and Reubenites indicates that they have triggered the anger and fear he felt during the episode of the spies. Do you think Moses overreacted? Why or why not?
3. Why do you think the Gadites and Reubenites wanted to settle on the "wrong" side of the Jordan river? What would they be gaining and/or giving up if they settled there?
4. Have you (or someone you know) ever almost reached a goal and then settled for something less? Why did you (did they) settle rather than push on to the end?
5. How did the Gadites and Reubenites behave differently than the spies of chapters 13-14? What compromise did they offer?
6. What can result from responding to people of a younger generation as though it were identical to an older generation? How can doing this impact a community of faith?
7. Why do you think the Reubenites and descendants of Manasseh renamed the towns and villages that they conquered and then rebuilt?

8. What do you think was the purpose of recapping the travels of Israel in Numbers 33:1-49?

9. What did the Lord instruct the people (through Moses) to do when they crossed the Jordan? What do you think was the Lord's primary concern?

October 27 Assignment – Numbers 34-36