

LENT † 2021

COVENANT OBEYING PEOPLE

NUMBERS 21:4-9
PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

Warming up:

When was a time that you experienced God's goodness?

Read Numbers 21:4-9

1. Where is Mt Hor? (Have a look at a map in the back of your Bible or Google it)
2. Why were the Israelites upset and impatient?
3. Why is it a big deal for the Israelites to call the food (manna) worthless and grumble against God's provision?
4. How did the people respond to God's discipline? Did it have its intended outcome?
5. In John 3:14-15, Jesus says that "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so [he] must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him" How is Jesus's crucifixion similar/different to this story in Numbers 21?

Read Psalm 107:1-3,17-22

6. As the Israelites gave thanks to God for his goodness and steadfast love, what stories might come to mind?
7. Why is it important for the Israelites and for us to remember those times when God has been with us in times of trouble?
8. In what ways do we continue to be foolish just as the Israelites were?
9. What do vv.19-20 tell us about God's character and nature?
10. What does all of this teach us about our need to obey God and trust in him?

Rubber hits the road

How does knowing God's compassion and loving-kindness change the way you pray? List 3 ways you can choose to walk in obedience to God ways this week.

Pray: *Loving God, we thank you for being quick to forgive. You are full of compassion and are generous with your grace. We are sorry for those times when we have taken your goodness for granted and have not walked in your ways. We are sorry for those times when we have grumbled instead of being thankful. May your kindness lead us to repentance as we fix our eyes firmly on you. Please grant us the strength and diligence to be faithful disciples. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.*

