Numbers: Journey to the Promised Land

Lesson 6 Striking the Rock... Stay Humble! (Chapters 20-21)

Opening Prayer

Review Lessons 1-5 Go through your notes or skim through your Bible. What has been your favorite lesson so far in this study? Why?

Introduce the Video: Think of a time when you did not follow God's instructions exactly—either choosing to ignore a commandment, or something God told you to do personally. What happened? In this lesson, Moses is the one who sins! There is no one sinless but Christ! As you listen to the video, record the emotions you are going through as you travel from place to place and story to story with Joshua!

Play Video Lesson 6: (13:09) Also, play Extra Video on Website! (4:28)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What emotions did you encounter as you listened to this lesson? What event stood out the most to you during this lesson?
- 2. Why do you think God brought the people up to Kadesh Barnea a second time?
- 3. Why do you think Moses was so angry? Have you ever sinned because you were angry? Tell what happened. (Read Psalm 106: 32-33 for the answer!)
- 4. Do you think Moses might have become prideful? Why or why not? Does the scripture support your view?
- 5. Do you think God holds leaders to a higher standard? Why or why not?
- 6. After Moses' failure at Kadesh he did not quit. He kept going! Who else in the scriptures continued to follow God after a huge failure? (David, Jonah etc) Did God forgive them? How do we know?
- 7. After a huge military victory, the Israelites were then not allowed to proceed North into Canaan, but were taken South! What does this scripture teach us about not becoming frustrated about God's timing?
- 8. The complaining of the Israelites on the trip back south resulted in the plague of fiery serpents. What was God's remedy for conquering death? How is this a picture of Christ? John 3:14-15
- 9. Do some research about the ashes of a red heifer. (Numbers 19). What were they used for? How does this ritual foretell what Christ does for us? (The water of Purification on the 3rd day—Jesus comes first time, and on the 7th— the second coming!!)
- 10. Extra Credit: What did God think about the Edomite's refusal to allow Israel passage? How is Deut 2:29 reconciled with Numbers 20:18-21?

Closure and Final Prayer: Spend some time in prayer, asking God to help us remain obedient and humble, and to keep going when we make mistakes.

Homework: Missler Book Chapters 20-21, Psalm 106