

In the Wilderness

“The Journey Begins (Numbers 1-4)”

New Baptist Church - April 25, 2021
Pastor Trent Eastman

The 9:00 AM Worship Service

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn: Pg 499 “Sunshine in My Soul” vs 1,2,3,4

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Hymn: Pg 506 “I Will Sing of My Redeemer” vs 1,3,4

Sermon: “The Journey Begins” (Numbers 1-4)

Special Music: Sheri Tadlock

Hymn: Pg 500 “Wonderful Peace” vs 1,5

Benediction

The 11:00 AM Worship Service

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Praise Song

Scripture Reading: Hosea 13:4-5

Praise Song:

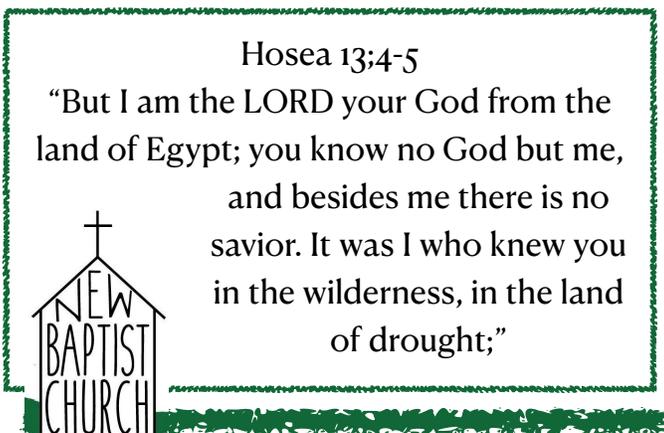
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Questions for “In the Wilderness – The Journey Begins (Numbers 1-4)”

Opening Question: What do you do to prepare for a long trip?

Background and Context of the Book of Numbers.

Read Exodus 1:8-14, and Exodus 40:34-38.

- From the beginning of Exodus to its end, how had the lives of the Israelites been changed?

Read Exodus 6:6-8.

- How does this passage describe the salvation of the Lord?
 - In terms of the Lord’s work of salvation for the Israelites, what are the key events?
 - How do these events point to our salvation in Jesus Christ?
 - According to Exodus 6:6-8, what has God not done yet for the Israelites?
 - According to Numbers 1:1, the Israelites have been at Mt. Sinai for a year. What do you think they did during that year at Mt. Sinai?
 - If you oversaw trip planning for the Israelites, what are some things you would be working on?
 - If you were an Israelite at that time, what would you be most worried about? What would you most have been excited about? (Note: When you get a chance, read the Book of Leviticus with this question in mind. How does the Book of Leviticus, which was written during that year at Mt. Sinai, enhance the Israelites’ identity, faith, and expectant hope?)
- Discuss the practicality and importance of the three basic instructions given by the Lord in Numbers 1-4.**
- Instruction 1: The Census to count all in Israel who are able to go to war. (Numbers 1:2-3).
 - Why was this instruction important? What does it teach?
 - Notice the age, 20 and older (with no age limit). What do you think about this when compared to USA Army policy of ages 17 – 35?
 - Also, compare ages of those who are able to go to war with those able to serve in the tent of meeting (Ages 30 to 50 – see Exodus 4:2-3). What is the wisdom or purpose of the different age criteria?
 - Instruction 2: Israel shall camp facing the tent of meeting. (Numbers 2:1-2).
 - Why was this instruction important? What does it teach?
 - Instruction 3: The Tribe of Levites shall keep guard over the tabernacle. (Numbers 3:5-8).
 - Why was this instruction important? What does it teach?
 - Read Numbers 3:25-26, 29-32, 36-37. The Levite clans were given a specific calling in the care of the tabernacle. Why was this necessary? How does this reflect the church? What is your calling?