

### THIS IS MY BIBLE

# Foundations chapter 4- Numbers "The Foundation of Obedience" Life Group Questions

### **GETTING STARTED**

- 1. Which part of the Sunday message stood out to you the most and why?
- 2. Discuss a family trip or vacation where everything went wrong.
- 3. Which part of the journey to the Promise Land as recorded in the book of Numbers impacts you the most?

#### **DIGGING DEEPER**

The events of the book began in the second year after the Israelites departed Egypt, as they camped at Mount Sinai around 1444 BC (Numbers 1:1). The narrative ends thirty-eight years later "in the plains of Moab by the Jordan opposite Jericho" (36:13) in 1406 BC. Numbers records the people's long wandering in the desert of Sinai, their time at the oasis of Kadesh-Barnea, and their eventual arrival at the banks of the Jordan River across from the Promised Land.

- 1. The first 9 chapters of the book of Numbers consists of God instructing Moses to organize all the people. Why was this important?
- 2. Can you identify the leaders of each of the 12 tribes (Numbers ch. 2-3)?
- 3. Read Numbers 9:15-23. Discuss how God guided the children of Israel. How would they know when to move? When to camp?
- 4. How does God lead us today? Do you ever have difficulties in figuring out what God wants you to do in certain situations? Discuss.
- 5. How do you determine in your life "what God's will is" and what is not God's will for you?
- 6. Read Matthew 7:7-8, James 1:5-7. What do these verses tell us about how to receive direction or guidance from God?

- 7. In Numbers 11, the people begin to complain. Why did their complaints anger God so much?
- 8. Do you believe complaining can be toxic? If so, why?
- 9. What excuses did 10 of the 12 spies give on why they couldn't conquer the land? (Numbers 13:25-33)
- 10. Why did God allow Caleb and Joshua to enter the Promise Land? (Read Numbers 13:30; Numbers 14:5-9)
- 11. Read Numbers 14:26-38. What consequences came as a result of complaining and disobedience?

## APPLYING THE MESSAGE

- 1. What lessons can you learn and apply to your life from the book of Numbers?
- 2. Ask yourself; "Do I complain more than I give thanks?"
- 3. In what ways do I bring positivity and encouragement to those around me?
- 4. Are there negative and grumbling people in my life that I need to limit my exposure to?