

Sermon Discussion Questions: Numbers 17

May 13th, 2018

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?
2. What type of circumstances or situations make us feel hopeless? What are some situations in your life when you have experienced hopelessness?
3. According to Romans 4:18-21, how was Abraham's faith strengthened in the face of a hopeless situation?
4. Many of us will not experience the desired result which we hoped would come to pass. Job did not have the assurance that he would experience relief on this earth. What is Job and what is our rooted hope even if we do not experience relief in this life? See Job 19:25-27 and Hebrews 11:13-16.
5. The staff that budded from the Tribe of Aaron, assured Israel that God had appointed Aaron to represent Israel. He was the mediator that would sacrifice for sins in the presence of a Holy God and assured them of their forgiveness in His presence. During the time of the exile of the Southern Kingdom of Judah (around 586 BC) there was a prophecy of another branch that would spring forth from a dead stump and be a sign of life. Isaiah 10 ends with a whole forest cut down, symbolizing God's judgment on Israel, leaving them desolate. But from the stump of a fallen tree, springs forth a branch and this branch refers to our Messiah Jesus Christ, the one true mediator between man and God. What does Isaiah 11:1-11 reveal about Jesus' character and saving work?