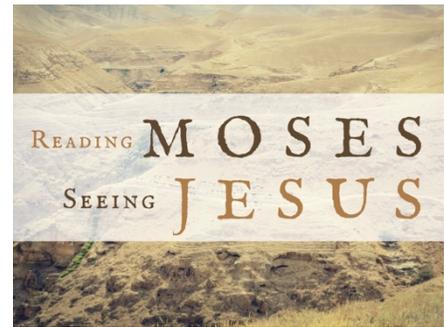




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LAB STUDY GUIDE FALL 2017

Date: Nov 5, 2017

Teacher: Scott Stark

Text: Numbers 21.4-9

Any other Text?: John 3.14-18 & 1 Corinthians 10.1-13

1. **Read the Text Together** Read the Text for this week out loud with your group.

2. **Make Observations** What stands out? What phrases caught your attention?
Any repetition, contrasts, comparisons?

3. **Ask Questions** What is confusing or hard to understand? Any details that might be important?
Ask: who, what, where, when, why, how?

4. Background Information

- **NUMBERS** – In Hebrew the book title is Be-Midbar: The Desert. It is the story of Israel's journey through the desert. It includes the 40 years that Israel lived in the desert as a result of not trusting God's promise to enter the Promised Land in Numbers 14. The section we're reading today is the beginning of a new generation getting ready to begin the journey.
- In Numbers 20.14-20 Moses asks permission to travel through Edom (a small country) on their way up to the Promised Land. Edom says "NO!" So they have to go around which is a long and unwanted journey.

5. Application Questions

- Scott described the response of the people in v5 as
 - scorning God's love (why have you brought us out of Egypt to die!) and
 - despising God's gifts (we detest this miserable food!)
 - When are you most tempted to scorn God's love and despise God's gifts?
- If scorning God's love and despising God's gifts = death, how does that affect the way we live today?
- Read John 3.14-18. If the Cross of Jesus is both a **WARNING** about the poison of sin, and a **PROMISE** about God's love and salvation, how does that affect the way we live today?
- Identify 1 person in your life that does not yet know that the poison of sin is destroying their life. Spend time in prayer asking God to
 - Awaken them to the warning that sin leads to death
 - Awaken them to the promise of new life in Jesus
 - Give them the gift of faith to repent and turn to Jesus



6. Have everyone answer....

What is something you learned about Jesus this week by studying the story of Moses?

PRAYER FOR KEY OF HOPE

Healthcare: As we reflect on the blessings of healthcare in our own lives, let's take a moment and pray for the children of Durban, South Africa as they undergo a constant battle of being affected by HIV and AIDS. Please pray for the doctors and nurses as they treat and assist the families and children themselves and also pray for KOH as they work to strengthen and bring God's grace and peace to children and families.

As a group, consider supporting the KOH feeding program. \$30 = food for 1 child for 1 month. For more info go to:

<https://keyofhope.org/programs/feeding-program/>