

A Visitor's Guide to the Old Testament

A Quick Discussion Guide on the Book of Numbers

1. The Book of Numbers sees a return of “action”, with more narrative adventures sprinkled within the giving of the laws. What is the overall impression that these narrative adventures give?

2. Luther described the Old Testament as a “Christbuch” – a book about Christ. How does that come through in the book of Numbers?

3. Comment on the following statement in the context of the Book of Numbers: “God will put up with a lot from us, but second place is not one of them.”

4. Paul said to the Corinthians “But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.” (1 Corinthians 14:40). How is that truth reflected in the book of Numbers? Why is that an important principle? How does it play out in our time and place?

5. Write you memory passage below:

6. Many of the laws for the Israelites were meant to set them apart from the nations surrounding them and from the nations of Canaan whose land God was about to give them. What are “ways of living/thinking” that God’s people put into practice today which tend to separate them from society in general?

7. Circle all the characters below which make an appearance in the Book of Numbers:
 - a. Zelophehad
 - b. Phineas
 - c. Korah
 - d. Miriam
 - e. Balak
 - f. Aaron
 - g. Dathan
 - h. Caleb
 - i. Balaam
 - j. Moses
 - k. Abiram
 - l. Joshua