

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES -

Numbers 20 In the first month the whole Israelite community arrived at the Desert of Zin, and they stayed at Kadesh. There Miriam died and was buried. **2** Now there was no water for the community, and the people gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron. **3** They quarreled with Moses and said, "If only we had died when our brothers fell dead before the LORD!" **4** Why did you bring the LORD's community into this wilderness, that we and our livestock should die here? **5** Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to this terrible place? It has no grain or figs, grapevines or pomegranates. And there is no water to drink!" **6** Moses and Aaron went from the assembly to the entrance to the tent of meeting and fell facedown, and the glory of the LORD appeared to them. **7** The LORD said to Moses, **8** "Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink." **9** So Moses took the staff from the LORD's presence, just as he commanded him. **10** He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, "Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?" **11** Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank. **12** But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them."

Hebrews 10: 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Others: Ezekiel 36

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

During Lent season we have been discussing repentance and the importance of getting it right, or at least making an effort to walk it out in a healthy way. We have applied this helpful little acronym to be a reminder and guide as we walk it out and discuss the nature of it. Take a look at the ROAD with your group and discuss how this could be helpful as you walk this out in your own lives.

Recognize - What is the thing?

Own - What is mine to own?

Adjust - What should change?

Devote/Decide - How does that become a habit? Who is with me? (confession)

1. This week we discussed how Hebrews 10:22 is a good reminder to come to the Lord ready for transformation and not a transaction, we want to avoid being like Moses in Numbers 20. Share with your group what you do to stay away from a transactional relationship with God.
2. Take some time to share how you have been doing with your fast and prayer time. Is that something you can reengage with more as we draw nearer to the Easter season?
3. What are you hoping happens during this time as you put some things aside and draw near to God? *(It's good for us to share the expectations we have.)*
4. What does it look like for us to come with a sincere heart? Is that something you struggle with and why? If not, why do you think that is?
5. With the example of Moses and Aaron turning to God in hard times, take some time to discuss the kind of habits you have that you find helpful when the hard things come?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS