

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Numbers 21:4-9

Ice Breaker: What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

Ice Breaker: What's an animal or insect that you are deathly afraid of?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Context:** Where does this story fall in the grand narrative of Scripture? Where are God's people? Where have they come from and where are they going towards?
2. What is the complaint the people had against God and Moses? Was this a just or right complaint by the people? Why or why not?
3. In response to their complaint, God sends fiery serpents to bite the people, and many died. What do you make of God's response? Why did their complaint provoke God to this level of judgement?
4. How do the people respond to God's judgement? What is God's response?
5. What does this passage teach us about Moses' role among the people of Israel?
6. How does this passage point to Christ and His gospel?
7. How does God deal with our sinful complaints this side of the cross?
8. How does this story of challenge the way you live today? What are some temptations to complain about God and the circumstances He has for us?
9. How does the promise of eternal life in Christ help us to battle temptation to grumble and complain against God?