

Week 10—Numbers 27:12-23

Begin each day of your study by asking the LORD to speak to you through His Word.

Day 1

1. Read Numbers 27:12-14. What do these verses teach us about God's holiness? What do they teach us about God's grace?

This mountain (27:12)—As we discover in Deuteronomy 34:1, this is mount Nebo which would have a clear view of Jericho.

2. Read Galatians 6:7-8. How do these verses relate to Moses' situation? Being in the New Testament, does this conflict with your view of living under the New Covenant of Jesus' forgiveness? Why or why not? How would you explain these verses to someone?

3. How was God's command to Moses in 27:12-14 later fulfilled in Deuteronomy 34:1-6? How would you feel if you were Moses? Are there situations in our lives that might be similar? If so, what?

Day 2

1. Read Numbers 27:15-23. What does 27:15-17 reveal about the character of Moses? Would you have responded in a similar way? Why or why not? How could you become more like Moses here?

God who gives breath to all living things (27:16)—This phrase is used elsewhere only in the prayer of Moses and Aaron after Korah’s rebellion (see 16:22). Here Moses uses it after being reminded of his coming death, and he prays for God to provide a new leader for Israel who will be a spiritual shepherd. As Gordon Wenham notes, “God, as the giver of all life, must be specially concerned with the continued existence of His chosen people, Israel.”

2. From what you see in 27:16-23 and from earlier in Numbers, how was Joshua uniquely qualified for the leadership position God was giving him?
3. How is this similar to what Jesus did with His disciples? What do we learn about discipleship from these two examples?

Day 3

1. Read Numbers 27:14-23. How do Moses and God envision Joshua’s leadership? In what ways do you see this as a model for leadership among God’s people today?

2. What are some of the specific duties assigned to Joshua as the new leader of the people (16-20)? How will Joshua's leadership *differ* from that of Moses? How will it be *similar*? What role will Eleazar now have? What does this show us?

3. Read Hebrews 1:1-3 and 3:1-6. How is Jesus even greater than Moses? What three roles in the Old Testament does Jesus fulfill in the New Testament?

Day 4

1. How did Jesus prepare His disciples for His departure? What does this mean for us today in terms of the younger generations coming behind us?

2. What did the LORD give Joshua as Moses laid his hands on him? What did Jesus give His disciples upon His departure? What does this mean for every disciple of Christ?

3. Read John 15:26-16:33 and consider as you're reading: what does Jesus promise His disciples when He departs? What doesn't He promise? What does this mean for us as we still journey through the wilderness? From these verses, what most helps you on your journey?

Day 5

1. Read Joshua 1:1-9. What do you notice from these verses about God? Joshua? The people of Israel?

2. Who is a "Joshua" in your life that God may be asking you to disciple? How does this week's story encourage you in that relationship? What practical steps is the Holy Spirit asking you to take in that relationship?

3. *This last question is for the whole study, not just this week:* What is the most important thing you learned in this study in Numbers? How has it encouraged you to live with courage and faithfulness in your journey through the wilderness of this world?

Conclusion

1. What most stood out to you as you studied Numbers 27:12-23 this week? *Why* do you think this was the case?
2. What is the Holy Spirit prompting you to *do* as a result of this? Be prepared to share with your group!