

Numbers for grumblers



Materials for group meetings

8th Meeting **THEME: Not without shepherd.**

Prepare in prayer. Read Chapters 26 and 27. Or only Ch. 27:12-23.

Icebreaker 'Leadership can be awesome, but it can also be awkward.' Think a minute or so about this and let some share how they have experienced either of these options.

Pray Ask God for His Holy Spirit to speak to you through His Word today.

Today's passage is part of the chapters that deal with a new generation that is prepared to live in the new land. They must not forget about the sins of the previous generations. They may be sure that everyone will receive the inheritance, no one will lose it. And a new generation... well, who will lead it?

Bible passage Read Numbers 27:12-23

Look again at Numbers 27:12-14. Moses will pass as Israel's leader

- What do you see/learn/want-to-ask concerning these verses?
- Moses doesn't enter the promised land. But his future is good. See Hebr. 11:13-16
- Look at Numbers 20:23-26. Which difference(s) do you see between Aaron's death and Moses' death?

Look again at Numbers 27:15-17. Moses' passionate request for a new leader for Israel

- Share what you see/learn/want-to-ask concerning these verses.
- In Numbers 11:29 we read another wish of Moses. How were both requests fulfilled?

Look again at Numbers 27:18-23. Moses pointing to Israel's new leader, appointed by God

- Moses must not install his own son, but a suitable leader. Which things do you know from what we previously read, or from this passage, should make Joshua a suitable leader? What can we learn from that for leadership today?
- In which ways is Jesus the one to whom Joshua's life points?

Digging deeper

From this passage we learn what kind of leadership we must look for, pray for, and strive for. Shepherding leadership, reflecting our servant King. Sometimes we find it hard to be led, especially when those who lead us do not mirror Jesus. Sometimes we find it hard to lead well. In many ways thinking of what we have learnt today can lead us to more prayer. Take some minutes of silence. Then share what you want to pray for or ask prayer for.

End with prayer.