

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for February 14, 2021:
Chapter 6: Wandering



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS Community or family

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

1. Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week
2. Tell a story about a time when you were lost.

- **GROW** *in Christ*

*So they set out from the mountain of the Lord and traveled for three days. The ark of the covenant of the Lord went before them during those three days to find them a place to rest. 34 The cloud of the Lord was over them by day when they set out from the camp. 35 Whenever the ark set out, Moses said, "Rise up, Lord! May your enemies be scattered; may your foes flee before you." 36 Whenever it came to rest, he said, "Return, Lord, to the countless thousands of Israel.. **Numbers 10:33-36***

For reflection on this passage:

1. When have you felt overburdened like Moses did? When have your burdens caused you to question God's goodness? How might Moses' honest conversation with God help you handle heavy burdens in the future?
2. God provides daily bread (manna) for his people in the wilderness. What daily bread is God providing for you?
3. Moses questioned God's ability to provide meat for over 1 million people. God replies, "Is the Lord's arm too short?" What does this mean? In what area of your life do you doubt God's ability or willingness to provide what you need? Is the Lord's arm too short?
4. Moses is described as a "very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth" (p. 73). What examples from his life illustrate this? Why is humility one of the most important characteristics for a child of God? How would you rate your humility level?
5. The Israelites shrunk back from entering the Promised Land because of giants. What are the giants that keep you from moving into God's future and blessing?

Questions based on Chapter 4 of The Story and the sermon for this week

6. Wilderness is a setting for a variety of stories in the Bible, including Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness after his baptism. How would you describe the role of wilderness in these stories? Might this life be considered to be wilderness?
7. Follow this link to watch the video for Chapter 4
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zjgraXiqVyzc-XG_Wg-asjX9eIc0WmP8/view?usp=sharing
8. At Taberah, God sends fire to burn among the people (p. 72). How is this fire different from the fire at Pentecost?
9. How does God respond to the people's cry for food other than manna? (The Story, p. 73). What do you make of this response?

10. Aaron and Miriam question Moses' authority for what reason? (The Story, p. 73) Why might this be a problem? How does God respond to their challenge? Is his response proportionate to their transgression?
11. What bad report do the spies bring back from the promised land (p.75)? What do you imagine is the impact of such a report? What is the difference between faith and foolishness?
12. God threatened to destroy the people and build a new nation through Moses (p. 76). How do you think Moses felt about this offer? How does he respond?
13. What is God's punishment for the people who refused to enter the Promised Land (p. 77)? What is the significance of 40 years?
14. 40 years later, what changes to prepare the way into the promised land?
15. Why is Moses not allowed to enter the Promised Land? What does this teach you about God's purpose and expectations for leaders?
16. What transgression happens in Shittim (p. 82)? What does this tell you about God's command to destroy the Canaanite nations in the Promised Land?
17. Why do you think God appoints Joshua as leader in Moses' place (p. 83)?
18. Moses says God disciplines His children. What is the value of discipline?
19. What is Moses' reason why God is giving them the Promised Land (p. 86)? Is the same true for you and the promise of heaven?
20. What is the choice Moses lays before God's people (p. 87)? Do we face the same choice?

- **SERVE** *others*

What is one thing that you wish was different in your life? How might that "wilderness yearning" shape your compassion for others who yearn for similar change? How might you encourage them?

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**