

SUNDAY SERVICE 4-23-23

Review:

The story of the Bronze Serpent in Numbers 21:4-9 is a clear illustration of Jesus Christ's work for us at the cross. God has provided for our need by lifting up His own Son as a curse in our place. Jesus Christ took the wrath of God on Himself to conquer death. Through Him we have forgiveness, hope, and life. In this story there is also the clear instruction for how we are to respond to this work. The Gospel call is, "Look to Jesus and live!"

Life Group/Personal Discussion Questions:

1. Read Luke 24:25-27 and consider the Old Testament passages that we have worked through together as a church in this series. In what ways have we seen Jesus Christ displayed in the Old Testament? Are there other passages in the Old Testament which point to Jesus that you can think of and share?
2. Jesus used an illustration for the Gospel in John 3:14-15. The Gospel was summarized in three parts today (Our Need for Jesus, God's Provision of Jesus, and The Response to Jesus). How would you illustrate or summarize the Gospel in your own words?
3. The people of Israel were to pass by the Red Sea again in Numbers 21:4. This served as a frustration to them when it should have been a reminder of God's faithfulness. What reminders of God's faithfulness do you have and look to in your own life?
4. What does complaining reveal in our hearts? Why is it so dangerous?
5. Read Phil. 2:14-15. What does Paul say will separate those who are children of God from a "crooked and twisted generation"?
6. Why must God deal with sin? (Consider Isaiah 6:3, Ps. 51:4, Rom. 3:21-26)
7. Read Numbers 21:7-8. What is repentance? How did the people of Israel repent in this passage? Is there any sin you have need to bring before the Lord and ask for mercy?
8. Read Galatians 5:13. How did Christ become "a curse for us"?
9. Read Numbers 21:9 and John 3:14-15. What is the required response to what Jesus has done? Describe how what Moses wrote and what Jesus said fit together. What does this mean for someone who is unsaved? How does the believer continue to respond in this way?

