

The Story Week 6

Wandering



Discussion Questions

1. What kind of camping experiences have you had? What was the longest time you've been camping? What was the most difficult time you've had camping?
2. What ways have you experienced God's leading you?
3. Have you ever had any "wandering in the wilderness" experiences?
 - i. spiritually?
 - ii. Emotionally?
 - iii. Physically
 1. Explain what that was / those were
4. What situation(s) are you most likely to respond with complaints?
5. What is a way God has provided for you (or your family)?
6. Have you heard the phrase "be careful what you wish for"? What was the result of the Israelites getting what they craved?
 - i. Have you ever had a similar experience?
7. What does it mean to be humble or meek?

- i. Why does this description apply to Moses?
8. What do you see about God's attitude towards skin color?
9. The feeling that something is "Too good to be true" keeps many from committing or being overly cautious.
 - i. What are the positive effects of this? Negatives?
 - ii. How did this go too far in with the Israelites?
10. Caleb & Joshua's faith in God's promises, how did they show that in their report on the Promised Land?
 - i. What kind of promises do you know God had given and you have great confidence in?
11. What was the worst consequence you have experienced?
 - i. Why do you remember it?
 - ii. What was the lesson you were supposed to learn?
 - iii. Did that change your attitude or the way you acted?
12. Why did the Israelites experience the consequence of wandering in the desert?
 - i. What was the lesson they were supposed to learn?
13. Have you ever had to make a stand of faith when there was opposition?
 - i. What was that like?
 - ii. What would help you to do that in the future?
14. Have you ever been given specific instructions that you did not follow completely?
 - i. Did you consider this disobedience? Did those around you consider it disobedience/rebellion?
 - ii. What was the result of this?
15. What did God instruct Moses to do & what did Moses actually do?
 - i. What did this cost Moses?
16. Why is God so radically opposed to sin?
17. Why did God send venomous snakes among the Israelites?
 - i. What way of salvation did God provide for the snake bites?
18. It sounds like the Israelites wandering period was a lot of ups and downs. How did this process bring the Israelites closer to God?
19. What do you learn from Moses' leadership throughout this difficult period?

- i. How did Moses show his frustrations?
 - ii. How did he display his faith?
20. Who was Balaam?
 - i. What was the reason he was sent for?
 - ii. Why did his donkey speak to him? What did he say?
21. What was the way Moab did turn the hearts of the Israelites away from God?
 - i. Is there a parallel to this in our culture today?
 - ii. What did God use to restore purity to the Israelite camp?
22. Who was God's choice to replace Moses?
 - i. What qualified him to Lead the Israelites?
 - ii. What was the process of this promotion?
23. What do you think was the root cause of the Israelites difficulties? Why do you think that?
24. What way does God want people to share and spread His commands, His word, & His character to others, especially the next generation?
25. How can having faith in God's promises help you through difficult times?