

notes from small group

prayer requests

SMALL GROUP

— *study guide* —



For sermon on Sunday, November 5 2017

group discussion questions

1. What is the main point from Scripture as it was taught on Sunday
2. Are there any Study Questions from this week that you want to discuss?
3. What difference should this Scripture make in our lives today?
4. How Does God want your personal beliefs and actions to change based on this Scripture?
5. How can you plan to accomplish this change with God's grace this week? What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Psalm 91: 5-6/ ESV

this week's memory verse

personal study questions

LOOK: What does God say?

1. Where were the Israelites when this mutiny took place (20:1)?
2. Who did the people accuse of bringing them back to this place (20:3-5)?
3. What is their complaint (20:5)?
4. What is Moses and Aaron's immediate response (20:6-7)?
5. What instructions does God give them (20:8)?
6. What does Moses do (20:10-11)? Does this change God's plan to provide water (20:11)?
7. What does God accuse Moses and Aaron of, and what is their consequence (20:12)?
8. What does the summary say that God showed about himself here (20:13)?

THINK: What does God mean?

1. Why would Moses and Aaron disbelieve God after so many past proofs of who God was (20:12)?
2. What drove the meekest man on the earth to such anger (20:10-11; Cf. 12:3)?
3. Why is Aaron implicated in this sin (20:12)? Why is their punishment so severe; and what does our human response to God's punishment reveal about our views of his holiness (20:12)?
4. Why did God still provide water when it seems everyone—leadership included—was in rebellion (20:11)?

DO: What does God want?

1. What sorts of tough conditions and tough company do we use as excuses to justify our self-righteous bitterness, anger, pride, and resentment (20:1-5)? With whom or what are we most often angry? How does complaining, criticism, and comparison fuel discontentment?
2. In what ways do we self-righteously believe in exceptions to God's word when it comes to his justice and mercy towards us (20:10-11)? How do we measure ourselves according to man's standards instead of God's? Where are we tempted to feel irreplaceable and above God's standards? How can we find comfort in the certainty of his justice, by looking at how it meets at the cross of mercy?
3. Where are we self-righteously tempted to make ourselves (or our problems) equal to or bigger than God? What will it look like for this passage's unveiling of God's holiness to sober us to embrace humility this week?