

THE STORY

THE BIBLE AS ONE CONTINUING STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

CHAPTER 6 - WANDERING

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL QUESTIONS

- ❶ What is God saying?
- ❷ For what does this section lead me to give thanks? (See God's grace and promises!)
- ❸ What sins does this section lead me to confess? (See God's expectations for his people)
- ❹ For what does this section lead me to pray? (As you ponder the Word, what needs of heart and life for yourself and others come to mind? Consider every word you read as an invitation to turn it into a prayer you speak back to your Lord!)

DIGGING IN

- 1) This chapter was filled with examples of sin and its consequences. Give some examples. What do you think was the root cause of most of the problems that the Israelites encountered? How can we keep ourselves from falling into the same trap?

- 2) As they wandered the people of Israel longed for the "good ol' days" of their time back in Egypt. Why does the past often seem better than the present? What spiritual dangers exist if a person fixates only on things from their past?

- 3) Review the episode of the bronze snake found at the bottom of page 80. Read John 3:14-15. How was this snake a foreshadowing of Jesus?

- 4) God commanded that his people completely destroy their enemies. Many people today find these sections offensive. "How could a loving God sanction such violence?" Respond to the person who has this objection. (middle of pg 86 has food for thought)

- 5) The people of Israel were forced to wander in the wilderness for 40 years due to the unbelief of a generation. They would live the rest of their lives bearing this heavy consequence for their sin. How might you minister to someone whose past sins have resulted in irrevocable consequences?

- 6) In Moses' farewell address he reiterated the nature of the covenant that God had established with the people of Israel. He charged the people to keep God's commandments and to teach them to their children. How can you, whether as a parent or a member of a church, pass on God's Word to the next generation? Give specific examples. Personally consider how you might carry out one of those ideas.

FOR NEXT TIME

Chapter 7: The Battle Begins

Bible Reference: Joshua 1-2; 6; 8; 10-11; 23-24