

God has done great things through His Westwood Church family over the past 60 years and we are grateful! The past decade has been a significant time of transition but God has always been faithful and leading us through it. As we remember what God has done in the past, we see Him calling us forward once more to follow Him into a chapter that is unknown yet holds much promise. We are excited about what God might yet do through His church as we surrender to His leadership in both our personal and collective lives! May He do more than we can ask or imagine!

WHAT LIES AHEAD

Numbers Overview:

Numbers is a continuation of God's story in building a nation who would represent him on the earth. Numbers is an historical record of God's continued rescue of his people and includes themes like:

- God at work in Israel
- Covenant Community
- Land and rest
- Promises of God
- Commands of God for being a covenant people
- Deliverance

Author and Date:

Unkown, but evidence suggest Moses wrote a significant portion (Numbers 33:2)
1440-1400 B.C.

First readers and their location:

Unkown, but evidence points to the Israelites before they crossed the Jordan and entered the land promised to them by God.

Open-up

Success or failure of any team is often attributed to working together and following the game plan. What past successes or failures have you experienced in your own life in this regard (eg. Work, sports, marriage and family, school, church)?

 **Into the Bible—Ask “What does it Say?”**
Read: Numbers 10

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points, what did this passage say to the original author and audience)

What are the instructions God gives to the Israelites in 10:1-10?

The phrase, "I am the Lord your God" first appears in Exodus 6:7 when God promises to save Israel from their slavery in Egypt. Look at the following verses and discuss what they tell you about God: Exodus 16:12; Leviticus 11:44; Ezekiel 20:19; Isaiah 41:13; 48:17.

Why does Moses want his Father-in-law to come with them?



Into my life—Ask "What does this look like in my personal life?"

The trumpets were to be a reminder to the people that they were God's covenant people. What reminders or practices do have that reminds you who you are in Christ?

How important do you think leadership is in the church? Why?

In the sermon Rob spoke of one lesson:

God speaks directly to His people and He also uses His people to give "voice" to shape the direction in which to go.

How can this lesson be used in your life? How can this lesson be used in Westwood's ministry direction?

Westwood Church has a clear mission, "make disciples..." Further, we have affirmed four priorities that will shape and guide this mission.

- Prayer – developing a prayer culture
- Discipleship – being transformed by Jesus
- Outreach – extending our reach into PG and the world
- Leadership Development – equipping for servant leadership

How are these priorities a part of your personal relationship with Jesus? How are these evidenced in your Life Group or Ministry Team? Where do you need to grow? What do you need to help you?



Into the World—Ask "what does this look like in my world?"

Where is God working within Westwood of which we must take special note?

How might God be directing in this regard?

In what ways must our church family act in faith as we consider God's leading in our ministry?

In what practical ways can we cooperate with God and with each other as we move?