

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

As a child, how cooperative where you with your parents, friends, teachers? What do you think motivated you to act that way?

 **Into the Bible—Ask “What does it Say?”**

Read: Numbers 11:1-35 or listen to it through the Bible App at bible.com

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 were the people complaining about? What do you think was at the heart of it?

How is verses 26-30 similar to Luke 9:49-50?

How did Moses respond the second time the people complained? How did the Lord address his complaint?

How did God address the complaints of the Israelites?



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

Have you ever been in a situation where you complained to someone about how God was doing things? What was happening? How did the situation resolve?

How do you find cooperating with God? Easy, hard, conditional? Explain.

Where have you seen evidences of cooperation with God and with each other as you reflect on the ministry of Westwood Church?

Have there been seasons in Westwood’s ministry where forgetfulness of God’s provision have set in? Where complaining has emerged? How was it handled? What was the result?



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

What is attractive about someone who doesn’t complain? How can you move towards a life of being an encourager and developer this week?