

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

When do you find it most difficult to obey God? When do you find it easiest?

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

 **Read: Numbers 14 in sections and answer the following questions for each section**
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 do is revealed about the Israelites? How do they respond to God and Moses?

What is revealed about Moses?

What do you learn about God?



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

How important do you think an awareness of God’s presence is in your life? How do you make yourself aware of his presence?

Moses’ prayer makes a difference in the outcome of the story. How does this part challenge your understanding of prayer? Have you ever been in a position to pray for someone like this? How did it turn out?

God forgives the Israelites in v20, but also presents consequences on the Israelites. Do we think God’s actions towards the Israelites are like God’s actions towards us, or towards others? Why, or why not?



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

What are the implications of this story for us today?