

Sermon Notes

"Count on Me!"
Numbers 1:1-46
February 13, 2022

6. Read Genesis 13:14-17; 15:7,13-16, 18; 26:3-5; 28:13-15; 48:21; 50:24-25. How do the land promises made to the patriarchs inform the perspective of this book?

7. How does the first chapter of Numbers reflect Israel's preparation for the conquest of the Promised Land?

8. A census was taken to accumulate funds for the tabernacle (Exodus 30:12-16), and again here for a war effort (Numbers 1:3). How are these examples of commitment? Examples of belonging?

9. Is there an area of service or responsibility that God is nudging you to "take your stand" and "be counted"? Is there someone to whom you need to say, "Count on me!"

Let's Pray

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 2-13-2022

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Getting Started:

1. Is there a list of names and numbers that is significant in your life? What is it and why is it important?

Digging Deeper:

Read Numbers 1:1-46.

2. As you launch into a closer look at Numbers, how would you summarize what you already know about this book? And how would you describe the general impression most Christians have of it?
3. **For thought and discussion:** Given that God rebuked David for counting his fighting men (1 Chron 21) and ordered Gideon to reduce his ranks lest they think they defeated the Midianites (Judges 7:2), why do you think God *commands* Moses to count the fighting men of Israel?
4. Consider the following verses: Genesis 12:2; 17:4-5; 22:17; Exodus 1:5-7; Numbers 1:46. How do the large numbers of the census point toward God's faithfulness to his promises?
5. When we are facing a challenging future, how does a picture of God's past faithfulness nurture our own faith? What challenges are you facing right now? What examples of God's past faithfulness in your life can you recall as you face these challenges?