

Sermon Notes

"Repeating Past Mistakes"

Numbers 20

October 2, 2022

- b. What didn't go so well?
- c. What did God identify as the problem (20:12, 24; 27:14; Deut. 32:51)?
- d. What did others identify as the problem (Deut. 3:23-28; Psalm 106:32-33)?
- e. How was Moses' response here similar to his response in Exodus 2:11-15?
4. "In essence, most of our sins boil down to a functional failure to believe God" (Iain Duguid, Numbers, p. 255). Comment on that statement. Do you agree? Disagree? How would you support your thoughts?
5. Both Moses and the people fell into sin patterns / mistakes from their past. Are there besetting sins or mistakes that continue to plague you? Where have you seen progress? Where are you most tempted to yield? How can we help one another from being "hardened by the deceitfulness of sin" (Heb. 3:12-13)?

Let's Pray

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 10-2-2022

Getting Started:

1. Do you think that we become more prone to certain sins as we age? Why or why not?

Digging Deeper:

2. Read Numbers 20.
 - a. Read the complaints issued by the people (20:2-5). Where have we heard this before? (If you have cross-references in the margins of your Bible, see how many other occurrences of these same complaints you can find in Exodus and Numbers.)
 - b. The complaints of the people exemplify our tendencies to pile on, to exaggerate, and to blame-shift when we're in complaint mode. To which of these patterns can you most relate? Where do you see this in yourself, and how can you address it?
3. Read the response of Moses and Aaron (20:6-13).
 - a. What went well?