

Numbers 26-31 Daily Study Questions (cont)

<p>4. From Num 27:12-23 what did the Lord tell Moses (v12-14) and what was his concern (v15-17)? What was God's answer (v18-19, 20, 21) and Moses' response (v22-23)? Apply.</p>	
<p>5. In 28:1-31 what days were the offerings to be made in the first part of the Jewish year and what were they (v1-8, 9-10, 11-15, 16-25, 26-31)?</p>	
<p>6. Using 29:1-40 what were the days and offerings in the 2nd part of the year (v1-6, 7-11, 12-38). Were these optional (v39-40) and how does this strike you compared to us today?</p>	
<p>7. According to 30:1-16 what vows were binding (v1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 9, 10-11, 14) and what could be released (v5, 8, 12, 13)? What principle is being affirmed (v13, 15, 16)?</p>	
<p>8. From 31:1-18 what was God's command (v1-2) and Moses' response (v3, 4-5, 6)? What happened (v7-8, 9, 10, 11-12) and how did Moses react (v13-14, 17-18)? Why (v15-16)?</p>	
<p>9. Based on 31:19-47 what had to be purified (v19-20, 21-24) and why (v19)? How were the spoils divided (v25-27) and what went to the Lord (v28-29, 30-31)? What were the amounts of spoil and levy (v32-41, 42-47)?</p>	
<p>10. In 31:48-54 what did the army captains discover (v48-49) and how did they respond (v50-53)? Why did they do this (v54)? How can we imitate this?</p>	
<p>11. Summarize from Num 26-31 how all the "loose ends" were being tied up as Israel neared Canaan (26; 27:1-11, 12-23; 28-29; 30; 31). Why did these need to be done and what does this teach us?</p>	

Scripture to Remember

"May the Lord...appoint a man over the congregation...who will lead them out and bring them in that the congregation...may not be like sheep without a shepherd."

Numbers 27:16-17 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Heroes - Faith for the Battle (Heb 11:32, Jud 6-7)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share what you think would be some of the toughest things about being in a war (especially if you have been to war). Brainstorm some of the wars we face today.
2. Read Heb 11:32. Someone retell the story of Gideon (see also Judges 6-7). What stands out to you most about that story?
3. Explain how we struggle with the world in these areas: authority vs relativism, truth vs pragmatism, and reason vs feeling. Give examples (personal, if possible).
4. How was Gideon's concept "off" in the areas of 1) God and 2) self? Discuss how you "lock in" to the right concept of God for the situation you are in.
5. What are the 2 ways we think wrongly about ourselves and which do you think is most prevalent? How should we think about ourselves and why is this so important?
6. Review Gideon's fears (of the Father, of failure, of the future). What fears typically defeat you when you are in a battle? How do you deal with them?
7. Talk about the difference between cowardice, craziness, and commitment when you face a battle. How do we become committed to seeing it through to the end?
8. If there is time discuss anything else meaningful to you from the message Sunday.



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The Replacements

Introduction to Numbers 26-31

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

The 2000 film, *The Replacements*, chronicles the performance of those who took over for the NFL players who went on strike in the 1987 season. It showed that no one is absolutely indispensable; the game was still played and fans still came, although not quite as many. In some ways that is the lesson from Israel in the wilderness, as this week’s lesson shows. The old generation that was supposed to enter the Promised Land had died because of their unbelief and the new generation had “replaced” them. The first section deals with God’s replacing of the old. His power is seen clearly in that the number of warriors in the new generation was only 1,820 less than when they had begun forty years before. God would give His people the land and since the original

group had disobeyed, the “replacements” would be the recipients. This new generation would include the Levites, and they would all receive their allotment in the land of Canaan. This even included the daughters of Zelophehad so that their family name would continue. Finally, after Moses’ “sneak peak” of the land Joshua, his successor, was commissioned. After this there was a renewing of their responsibilities, showing the many feast and holy days and the special offerings for each. These would give Israel the opportunity to renew their commitment to the Lord. Along with this the provisions for binding vows—those which had been affirmed by the husband or father—was given and these would also keep them responsible. Last, the Lord commanded revenge on Midian for their role in



Unbelief can cost God’s kingdom an entire generation.

causing Israel to stumble at Baal-Peor. They were to destroy all the men and boys, and any woman who was not a virgin. Thus the nation of Midian would be exterminated for their sin. As a reward for this victory God told them to divide the spoils equally between those who fought and those who stayed. However, all who had fought and all the goods would have to be purified because of the defilement incurred from the death of war. It was time to enter Canaan and since the first generation wouldn’t, preparations were made so that the replacements could.

Daily Study Questions for Numbers 26-31

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to <http://www.thehospitalchurch.com/LifeGuides.html>—lesson notes)

<p>1. Looking at Num 26:1-56 what did the Lord command Moses (v1-4)? How did the census change from 38 years earlier (v51; see Num 2:32)? How would the land be divided (v52-56)?</p>	
<p>2. In 26:57-65 how did the number of the Levites change (v62, see Num 3:39)? Who was left from the first generation (v64-65)? What does the size of both populations show about God’s power?</p>	
<p>3. Using 27:1-11 what inheritance issue arose (v1-4) and what did Moses do (v5)? What was the Lord’s specific (v6-7) and general (v8-11) answer? Why was this important?</p>	

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