

# Into The Wilderness: Numbers

## Week 4: Confess

### **Key Scripture**

*<sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.*

*Numbers 21:7*

### **Main Takeaway**

*But If I confess my sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive my sins and cleanse me from all unrighteousness!*

#### **Start Talking:**

What things try your patience?

#### **Start Praying:**

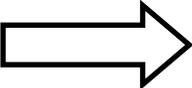
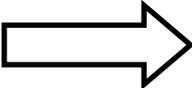
Father, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us! Renew us! Lead us! Amen!

#### **Start Studying:**

1. Read Numbers 21:4-9: What consequence did sin bring? What gift did God’s grace through the serpent on the pole bring?
2. Read Romans 8:23: Is the “wage” of sin the same for us? Why is it important to remember that life is a “free gift?”
3. Read 1 John 1:7-10: When do we lie to ourselves? This lie shows what? Why is confessing sin so freeing?
4. Read Luke 11:4 and Luke 23:34: What parallels does Numbers have with Good Friday? What is a specific pray that Jesus offers from the cross? Why can we trust that the Father Forgives?

#### **Start Applying:**

1. It took until chapter 21 for the people in Numbers to confess their sins. Why is it so hard to do this?
2. How does this lesson help us see the importance of confession and absolution in each service? Just think in that silent time you can confess anything and hear His forgiveness!
3. Why is the act of confessing freeing? What does it free you from?
4. How do you become a safe person for others to share their sin with and hear His forgiveness? Who is that safe person for you?
5. Share your sins this week. Write down past sins that bring you shame, guilt, or weigh you down on a sheet of paper. Then read Isaiah 43:25 and Psalm 103:12. After reading this burn or shred the piece of paper. If you need to specifically hear “I forgive you” share that list with a trusted Christian friend who will, with your pastor, or before you burn it confess that list at church during the silent confession time!

 **Fill out Biblical Equipping** 

#### **Finish in Prayer:**

Dear Heavenly Father; Thank you for this time spent in your word. Give us the knowledge of your presence as we think about our own sins. May you surround us with mercy and grace in all things. In Your Name I Pray. Amen

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## BIBLICAL EQUIPPING

The Bible passage I will focus on is:

The part of this passage that caught my attention is:

I will apply this passage to my life by:

Before next meeting, the impact God had on me through this verse was: