



Discussion Questions
Moses: Lessons in the Wilderness
Week Four

Numbers 20:1-5

How do you think Moses feels as we start our passage today?

Have you ever been in a season of loss, pain, regret, difficulty, exhaustion, or frustration?

Share about a time when your patience for people was thin because of something challenging that you were facing. How did that play out?

Numbers 20:6

Why is time with the Lord essential when we are under emotional strain?

Numbers 20:7-8

What is the Lord's response here, and how could it have been hard for Moses?

Numbers 20:9-10

Why is it hard to distinguish our feelings from God's feelings when we are in an emotionally intense season? How have you experienced this?

Why do you think Moses ("the humblest person on the face of the earth") takes credit for God's power in this story?

Numbers 20:11-12

Why do you think Moses disobeys here, and why is it such a big deal to God?

What does it mean when God says, *“you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites?”*

What else sticks out to you from this chapter?

What takeaways do you have from the message this week?

Lent Discussion Questions Week Four

Prayer for the 4th week of Lent:

"Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen."

- Book of Common Prayer

This prayer pushes on a key Lent theme: that Jesus is our true bread and our true life. We fast, in part, to see the difference between our true needs and the wants that masquerade as needs. How has God revealed your true need for Him this season? How have some things you have fasted from diminished in importance?

Reflecting on this prayer, Esau McCaulley writes: "...it would be dishonest to claim that things always get easier when someone becomes a Christian. God doesn't guarantee us a new car, a better job, or a long-hoped-for spouse. In fact, sometimes becoming a Christian means you *lose* a job, or find yourself outside a social circle you once called home."

How does the concept of potential loss sit with you? Have you ever experienced loss as a result of your faith?