

Sermon Notes
April 18, 2021
“People of Purpose”
Numbers 1:1-4, 17-19

“Everyone got on with what they had to do”

We look forward to life after COVID

- What is God saying to us?
- How can we be a people of purpose?

The Book of Numbers

- Not well known
- All about numbers?
- Hebrew Title: “in the desert” and “the Lord spoke”
 - ◇ Numbers begins two years after the people of Israel left Egypt
 - ◇ Numbers describes the 38 years the people of Israel journeyed in the wilderness
 - ◇ Numbers is God’s Word to people in wilderness, between “what was” and “what will be”
 - ◇ Numbers carries a health warning
 - ◇ Numbers calls us to renewal, a new start with God

Listen to God’s Voice (Numbers 1:2)

- To step into God’s purpose we begin by listening to God’s voice
- Danger!
 - ◇ The 12 “spies” in Numbers 13
 - ◇ 10 of the 12 forgot God’s promise to Abraham
 - ◇ Are we like the 10 spies?
 - ◇ How can we make sure we don’t forget God’s promise?
 - * Remember God’s call
 - * “Knowing God, Touching Lives”
 - * A practical exercise

Serve God’s purpose (Numbers 1:3)

- Avoiding the mud and mess
- Every man, 20 years or older
 - ◇ No opt-out clause
 - ◇ No “Try Jesus” bumper sticker
 - ◇ We are saved by grace (hallelujah!) but we are not saved to do nothing!
 - * Galatians 2:20
 - * 1 Corinthians 9:25-27
- How can we commit to God’s purposes?

- ◇ Examine ourselves
- ◇ Luke 18 and the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector
- ◇ The need for true fellowship and accountability

Let's get on with what God wants us to do!