



Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

What task do you procrastinate on the most?

1. Is it challenging for you to read how God treated Moses and Aaron in **Numbers 20**, why or why not? What does this passage tell us about God's character and our relationship to Him?
2. What was God's ultimate goal in having Moses speak to the rock; to provide water or to remind the people that God is in control? How did Moses' actions fulfill one but diminish the other?
3. Describe a time when anger caused you to lose sight of God's truth and respond in a way that didn't fully align with His instructions. What did you learn afterward about the importance of guarding your thoughts and actions when angry?
4. Read **Numbers 20:2-12**: How might angrily choosing to do the will of God our way blind us to how we might be diminishing (or even usurping) God's glory in the name of God's mission?
5. Pastor Tom said, "Anger that controls us pushes us to go our own way and not God's way." In the midst of our anger, what beliefs might we be tempted to buy into and act on that are actually contradictory to God's word? In what way can we combat those false beliefs?

PERSONAL GUIDE

This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.

Day One: John 4; Psalm 16

Day Two: Deuteronomy 13; Proverbs 11

Day Three: Romans 10; 1 Corinthians 15

Day Four: 1 John 1; Ezekiel 43

Day Five: Job 42; Acts 26



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In many ways, Numbers 20 is a _____ chapter.

Note **Numbers 20:2-8, 11-12**

Does this seem like an _____ from God?

(Note **Exodus 17:1-7**)

But God didn't back away from the _____. He placed _____ on Moses, even when it seemed Moses asked God to reconsider (note **Deuteronomy 3:25-27**).

This account is revealing that living on purpose is a life of _____ responsibility and accountability before God (note **James 3:1-2; Luke 12:48b**).

1. Why Anger Is so _____

Note **Numbers 12:3; Exodus 2:11-12 with Acts 7:23-24; Exodus 11:8; 32:15-20**

After 40 years of griping and complaining, Moses' patience was gone and his fuse was short (note **Numbers 20:4-5**).

Note **Numbers 20:6a** (i.e., *When life is challenging, fall _____ on your face...*)

Note **Numbers 20:10-11a**

When anger controls us:

A. It causes us to _____ God's truth (note **Numbers 20:7-10a**)
 - ...his anger pushed him away from God's _____ instructions (note **Numbers 20:10b-11a**).

B. It promotes unbelief (note **Numbers 20:12**) - Anger that controls us _____ us to go our own way and not God's way.

2. God's _____ Comes First (note **Numbers 20:12)**

God takes His glory _____ (note **Isaiah 42:8**).

Moses _____ God's glory.

God was reminding Moses He was in charge and His purposes and glory take _____ (note **Numbers 20:10**).

MILESTONES MATTER:

- Living on purpose is profoundly _____.
- Note **Ephesians 4:26-27; James 1:19-20**
- To live for God's glory is the _____ and purpose of our lives (note **1 Peter 4:11b; 1 Corinthians 10:31**).
- May God help us to become Jesus-following _____ by dealing with our anger God's way and by making the glory of God our all-consuming passion.
- Note **John 6:29**

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 But God didn't back away from the consequences He placed on Moses,
 even when it seemed Moses asked God to reconsider (note **Deuteronomy 3:25-27**).

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 responsibility and accountability before God (note **James 3:1-2; Luke 12:48b**).

1. Why Anger Is so Destructive

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When anger controls us:

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 ...his anger pushed him away from God's clear instructions (note **Numbers 20:10b-11a**).
- B.** It promotes unbelief (note **Numbers 20:12**) - Anger that controls us pushes us to go our own way and not God's way.

2. God's Glory Comes First (note **Numbers 20:12)**

God takes His glory seriously (note **Isaiah 42:8**).

Moses diminished God's glory.

God was reminding Moses He was in charge and His purposes and glory take first place (note **Numbers 20:10**).

MILESTONES MATTER:

- Living on purpose is profoundly serious.
- Note **Ephesians 4:26-27; James 1:19-20**
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