

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Numbers, Part 6  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sharpen Your Skills at our upcoming 2-day Rock Church Leadership Conference** - September 22-23. For more information or to register, log onto [www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/](http://www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/) or contact Andy Rodgers at [andy@therocksandiego.org](mailto:andy@therocksandiego.org).
- **Foundations in Leadership** - Have you been a leader in the past and interested in leading again? Are you curious about leading at the Rock? We are launching a new course, **Foundations in Leadership** that can help you answer some of those questions. This 8-week course is designed for small group leaders but it provides the basic tools to lead anything well. For more information or to register, log onto [www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/](http://www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/).
- **Men's Breakfast** - This Saturday, September 7, 7-9:15 AM in the Youth Room (3558 Ruffin Rd.) Cost is \$7. To register, contact [menoftherock@therocksandiego.org](mailto:menoftherock@therocksandiego.org) or 619.226.7625 x321.
- **Ministry Fair** - Sunday, September 24, in the Youth Room. Peruse the many ministry booths to meet the ministry leaders, find out about upcoming events, and discover ways you can get involved.
- **For all other Rock Announcements** please go to <http://www.therocksandiego.org/announcements/> or see the Rock Event Calendar at <http://www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/>.

## MEMORY VERSE

*He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.* John 7:38

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – A SLICE OF HUMBLE PIE

This week in church we learned two specific lessons from Moses' mistakes. First, we learned that we are all human – even Moses – and we can expect to mess up. Second, we learned that we have a responsibility to *represent* God. And as much as we may want to represent and defend our own feelings, ideas, or personal agendas, we have been commanded to lay down those things that represent *us* rather than God. In a nutshell, this story is a story of humility; humility in the sense that we are imperfect and flawed. And humility in the sense that our personal view point or bias needs to take a back seat. Well...actually, they need to be left behind.

In terms of our road trip, this means that how we feel and what we want to happen as a result of the road trip is not nearly as important as who God is and who He has called us to be. In fact, our ideas and wants don't even make it to the top 10 of most important considerations on the trip. In terms of our road trip, all of this boils down to the fact that we need to clothe ourselves in humility. Only then can we truly represent God.

### Getting Started

*This lesson is all about two ideas: humility and representing God.*

1. When you think of a humble person, what comes to mind? What does it mean to be humble? Do you have a personal example of someone who demonstrates humility to you?
2. What does it mean to represent someone? What does it mean to misrepresent someone? Have you ever been misrepresented? How did it make you feel?

### **Digging Deeper**

3. Proverbs has much to say about humility. Consider a few of the verses below (don't feel like you have to look up all of them).

- Proverbs 3:33-35
- Proverbs 10:8
- Proverbs 11:2
- Proverbs 15:33
- Proverbs 16:19
- Proverbs 18:12
- Proverbs 25:6, 7
- Proverbs 27:2

- a. What does the book of Proverbs teach us about humility?
- b. If someone were to actually live out these verses what would it look like today?
- c. What are some of the direct commands given to us in these verses?

4. The opposite of humility isn't just pride. The opposite of humility is elevating our ideas, wants, and desires above representing God. Read Matthew 16:24-25. What is the command in this passage? What is the promise?

5. In Numbers 20:7-12, how did Moses put his ideas and wants above representing God?

6. Representing God is a tall order that has a very simple application. In fact, it can be summed up in one word: obedience.

- a. Read Psalm 119:9-16. What specifically does this passage tell us to do in seeking a life of obedience and one that represents God?

### **Bringing it Home**

*Living a life of humility and obedience is, in essence, a life of surrender.*

7. Elevating the things in our lives over following God can happen pretty naturally. How have your ideas, wants or plans (over time) become more important to you than obeying and representing God?

8. Changing these things in our lives often come from small, incremental steps. Can you identify the first step you need to take this week?

9. What verse from today's lesson can give you strength to let go and put on a life of obedience?