

# SMALL GROUP Q'S

Where to Look for Healing

March 20, 2016

Numbers 21:4-9

- 1.) Describe the sins of the Israelites in Numbers 21 or in the wilderness wanderings in general. Where in your life do you struggle with those sins or with any sin over and over again?
- 2.) What do the snakes represent to God's people? How is their sin of discontentment and distrust venomous and deadly in their hearts?
- 3.) Read John 3:14-16. This passage is famous for its promise of healing and salvation. How does the background of Numbers 21 make it even richer and more beautiful in that regard?
- 4.) Does it make you uncomfortable to think of Jesus actually becoming sin for you? Why do you think that is? What sin in particular are you uncomfortable seeing Jesus become for you?
- 5.) Will said "preaching the gospel to yourself everyday" involves at least two things: Hating sin and experiencing the freedom of God's forgiveness of that sin in Christ. Which of these is harder for you? Can you think of a time where "preaching the gospel to yourself" mattered to you for a particular sin?
- 6.) For whom in your life do you need to "preach the gospel to yourself" – to remember that Jesus became THEIR sins, too, in THEIR place? What will it look like to extend God's forgiveness as He has extended it to them in Christ?
- 7.) Robert Murray McCheyne said for every one look at ourselves we should take 10 looks at Christ. What does that mean to you, and how have you found that practice to be helpful with your own sin or the sins of others?
- 8.) In Will's illustration, Kenny saw his "personal savior" in the new boy on the bus. In what way did his personal savior not look like what Kenny expected. How is the same true for us as we look at our crucified Savior?
- 9.) This Sunday was Palm Sunday, where Jesus entered Jerusalem as king. We said Jesus is an unusual type of king; how so?



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