

Sermon Based Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of December 7, 2025

Icebreaker Questions

- Have you ever ignored a warning light (literal or metaphorical)? What happened?
- What's a place you didn't appreciate until someone pointed out how beautiful it was?
- What's something God has blessed you with that you sometimes forget to be grateful for?

Sermon Summary

(If you missed this week's sermon, it's always available by noon on Monday on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/@horizoncommunitychurch>)

In Numbers 21, Israel once again complains against God, forgetting His provision and growing ungrateful for the manna He faithfully supplied. Their spiritual forgetfulness leads to sin, and God responds by sending venomous snakes that expose the deadly consequences of rebellion. When the people repent, God provides a way of healing through the bronze serpent lifted on a pole—an act that foreshadows Christ being lifted up on the cross for the salvation of all who look to Him in faith. The sermon emphasizes that ungratefulness leads to sin, the bite of sin is costly, but God always provides a merciful path back to Him. Ultimately, true healing and eternal life come by looking to Jesus and living.

Opening Prayer

Briefly pray and invite the Lord into your conversations to bring wisdom and insight to His Word. Pray around the theme for the sermon/discussion.

Primary Passages of Scripture

Read Numbers 21:4–5, Deuteronomy 8:4, Hebrews 10:26–27, John 3:14–17, Hebrews 12:2, Romans 3:22–23

Discussion Questions

- How does ungratefulness slowly lead us toward sinful attitudes or actions?
- How can we cultivate a daily sense of gratitude toward God?
- How does God's discipline show His love rather than His anger?
- Why do you think God places such a strong emphasis on remembering His works throughout Scripture?
- Why do you think God often chooses such simple acts of faith—like looking—as the pathway to healing?
- What area of your life right now needs a fresh look toward Jesus for direction, forgiveness, or strength?

Prayer

- Ask: "How can we pray for you this week?"
- Assign each request to a group member to ensure everyone is prayed for during the prayer time.
- Assign someone to open in prayer and someone to close in prayer.

Closing