

Small Group Questions

November 15, 2020

1. Read Joshua 22.
2. In verses 1-6 Joshua blesses the half-tribe of Manasseh and the tribes of Gad and Reuben as they ask to return home on the east side of the Jordan River. Look at Numbers 32 to see the background for this decision.
3. Discuss the blessing and encouragement Joshua gives them. How is this true for us today?
4. What did the 2 1/2 tribes do, according to verse 10?
5. In verses 11 and 12 we find the reaction from the other Israelites. Why did they react that way?
6. Notice who they sent as leader of the group that approached the Gadites, Reubenites and Manassehites. What is his name?
7. Focus on verses 16-20. What previous events did they bring up?
8. Read Numbers 25 to discover what the “sin of Peor” was.
9. When the Israelite man and Medianite woman went to the tent, who reacted to solve the problem they were creating? Did he act on his own? Why did God bless him? Notice that this is the same man leading the group in Joshua 22.
10. In verse 17, the group says, “...Up to this very day we have not cleansed ourselves from that sin...”. How do you react to that statement? What sins in our past have we not cleansed ourselves from?
11. Why did the 2 1/2 tribes build the altar?
12. What did they name the altar?
13. Discuss the importance of names.