

## **Lectionary Bible Study**

### **For Sunday, March 10, 2024 (Lent 4)**

#### **Numbers 21:4-9**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. God had just destroyed one of the Israelite's enemies (see vv. 1-3). Why do the people again start complaining? Why and how does God judge them for this?
2. Why and how does God provide relief from the poisonous snakes? What does this teach you about repentance and mercy?
3. How does Jesus use this incident in His ministry? (See John 3:14-16 and 6:32-40).
4. Why would looking at a bronze snake cure a snake bite?
5. Why would the bronze snake be put on a pole?
6. Is repentance motivated by fear a "true repentance?"

#### **Ephesians 2:1-10**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. Paul divides your life into two periods. What are they?
2. Who was in charge of the first period of your life, and what was the result?
3. For what purpose did God take over your life?
4. Is a Christian ever fully rid of the cravings of the past?
5. What in your life is due only to God's presence in your life?
6. How is one saved, according to this passage?
7. What are the good works described in verse 10?

#### **John 3:14-21**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. What claims does Jesus make about Himself in this passage?
2. How is a person condemned?
3. What does this passage teach you about God?
4. Why does an evildoer detest the light? What are some examples of people who preferred the shadows?

##### **WRAP UP**

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?