

# Sermon Study Guide – March 10th, 2024

## *"Rethinking The Solution to Sin"*

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ What is “the solution to sin”? Is this something we talk about a lot as Lutherans? Does it seem like the kind of topic that we need to “rethink”?
- ◆ What is the benefit of rethinking a familiar topic? Do you understand or appreciate this topic as well as you think?

2) Today’s Message: Numbers 21:4-9

*<sup>4</sup> They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; <sup>5</sup> they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”*

*<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.*

3) What does God want you to hear today?

*Throughout the sermon, consider...*

How does today’s sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What’s the law?)

How does today’s sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What’s the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



*Answer the following questions if it helps you follow the sermon...*

1. Describe the bad things that had happened to Israel before our sermon text.
2. Describe the good things that had happened to Israel before our sermon text.
3. In what way(s) is Israel's behavior inexcusable in our sermon text?
4. How do we prove ourselves a lot like Israel from our sermon text?
5. How does God treat Israel (and us) despite our repeated sin?
6. How does that lead us to "rethink the solution to sin" today?
7. What are some positive effects today's topic can have as we apply it to other areas of our lives, even when not talking about salvation?

#### 4) Taking it Home:

*Read the following sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:*

**Monday:** *review* Rev. 5:6-14, Jn. 3:14-21

**Thursday:** Numbers 13-14

**Tuesday:** Numbers 10:11-11:3

**Friday:** Numbers 20

**Wednesday:** Numbers 11:4-35

**Saturday:** *read/review* Numbers 21