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Hey, Moses! We are going to talk about this on Sunday, May 10 at 9:30 am.



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WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here!

We know visiting a church for the first time can feel intimidating. **Our goal** is to help you feel at home and **point you to Jesus**. Here's **what to expect** in our worship today:

We sing acappella (voices only), take the Lord's Supper, offer prayers, and listen to a message from the Bible. **You are welcome to participate with us** as much as you are comfortable.

After worship concludes, we offer **Bible classes for all ages**. You're welcome to stay and join whichever class fits you best.

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Before the sermon, **children ages 2–7** are invited to a special time called **Wee Worship**, where they can enjoy Bible stories, songs, and age-appropriate activities in a safe, welcoming environment.

May 10: Temptation in the Garden of Eden

Lesson Text: Genesis 3:8-18

For those 8 years old and above, **complete the fill in blanks** in this handout and show the preacher or one of the elders for a special treat or TWO Bible Bucks to spend at Central Park.

ORDER OF SERVICE

May 10, 2026

Call to Worship	Steve Griggs
Light The Fire	John Cox
Humble Yourself	John Cox
Prayer	Mel Sane
I Have Found a Friend in Jesus	John Cox
Prepare For Communion	
Worthy is the Lamb	Ross Jordan
Communion Prayers	Jeremy Winger
Jesus Loves Me	Aidan Smith
Children's Chat	Josh & Aidan
Scripture Reading - Numbers 21:4-9	Nathan Bennett
Lift Him Up	Ross Jordan
Sermon	Shane Robinson
My Only Hope is You	Ross Jordan
Shepherd's Moment	Frank Brown

GREETERS

Amanda Edwards, Jane Cherry, Daryl & Teresa Williams

NURSERY

Rachel & Reagan Edwards

WEE WORSHIP

Sarah & Audrey Miller, Stefaney & Lexi Nelsen

SERVE COMMUNION

Jeff Brown, Jim Brown, Greg Tilley, Carter Goble, Patrick Goble, Tony Stanley, Clint Russell, Tyson Russell



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Numbers 21:4-9, NKJV

“Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses: “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread.” So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. Then the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.”

John 3:14-15, NKJV

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

The New King James Version. Thomas Nelson, 1982.

Study & Group Discussion Guide

Textual Questions

According to Numbers 21:4, what caused the people to become “very discouraged” on the journey?

In Numbers 21:5, what specific complaints did the people make against God and Moses?

What did the people confess in Numbers 21:7, and how is this response different from earlier complaints in the wilderness?

According to Numbers 21:8–9, what instructions did God give Moses concerning the bronze serpent?

In John 3:14–15, how does Jesus connect the bronze serpent in the wilderness to Himself?

Connecting Questions

How did frustration eventually lead Israel into rebellion against God? Can you think of similar examples in the Bible?

Why do you think God chose a bronze serpent as the remedy instead of removing the serpents altogether?

In what ways was looking at the bronze serpent an act of faith?

Jesus says He would be “lifted up” like the serpent in the wilderness. What does this comparison teach us about the purpose of the cross? (see also John 8:28; 12:34; 19:18)

A SNAKE ON A POLE & THE SAVIOR WHO MAKES US WHOLE



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#JOHN3:14

Moses lifted something up in the wilderness and people who were dying looked at it and lived. Centuries later Jesus told a Pharisee that the same thing was about to happen again. The question we will explore in this lesson is: What was Moses really lifting up?

Three Conditions That Brought Fiery Serpents

- **The people became _____ (21:4).** The journey was difficult and the people lost perspective (20:21).
- **The people spoke _____ God (21:5).** Their frustration led them to question God and romanticize Egypt (Num. 20:3-5).
- **God responded to their _____ (21:6).** God judged those who showed contempt for His provisions.

Three Responses That Led to the Bronze Serpent

- **The people _____ their sin (21:7a).** The people openly admit their sin against God and Moses (cp. 20:10).
- **Moses _____ for the people (21:7b).** The leader of the people stood between them and judgment (Ex. 32:11-14, 30-32; Num. 11:1-2, 10-15; 14:11-20; 16:20-24).
- **God provided a _____ (21:8-9).** Moses lifted up a bronze serpent so those who looked upon it in faith could live.

Three Pictures That Point Us To Jesus

- **The Son of Man _____ from heaven (Jn. 3:13).** Like the bronze serpent, Jesus' mission originated from God. No one else could claim the same (Ac. 2:34).
- **The Son of Man was _____ up (Jn. 3:14).** Like the serpent in the wilderness, Jesus would be publicly lifted up so people could look to Him in faith (Jn. 8:28; 12:34; 19:18).
- **The Son of Man brings _____ life (Jn. 3:15).** The bronze serpent brought temporary physical healing. Jesus brings eternal life (Jn. 3:36; Gal. 3:13).



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Entitlement is a real poison. God provided everything they needed and yet they still felt as if he wasn't doing enough. If we find ourselves 'complaining' more than 'thanking', the serpents may already be among us.

God meets us in our desperation. The people were honest with God about the mess they made. We do not have to have it together to come to God, but we do need to be honest about where we are and what got us there.

God offers the cure but never forces it. He has lifted Jesus up in plain sight. The remedy is real, available, and free. But he will not make you take it. The only thing standing between you and life is the decision to look.

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Assembly Times

AM Worship

Sundays @ 9:30 AM

Sun Bible Classes

Immediately After Worship

Wed Night Meal

Wednesdays @ 5:45 PM

Wed Bible Classes

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

Reoccurring Events

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday @ 10:30 AM

LIFE Groups

Various times & locations

(Visit our website)

Food & Clothing

Tues & Thurs 10 AM-12 PM

(Go to office area)