

NOTES & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

INTERCEDED: SOMEONE'S GOTTA STAND

SERMON SUMMARY

This sermon uses Numbers 16 to show the seriousness of sin, the reality of judgment, and the power of intercession. Connecting to Genesis 2–3 and Matthew 11, it reveals that sin is taking control from God, but His heart is still mercy. The call is clear: followers of Jesus are meant to stand in the gap through prayer, trusting that their prayers can bring life and change eternity.

KEY POINTS

- Sin is “taking” what belongs to God.
 - From Genesis 2–3 to Numbers 16, the root issue is the same: stepping into control that was never theirs. “I got it” is the modern expression of that same rebellion.
- Our choices have real and eternal consequences.
 - What we choose in this life matters far beyond this life.
- Hell is real—and it should move us.
- Intercession stands between life and death.
 - When someone stands in the gap, mercy can interrupt judgment.
- Prayer is how we stand in the gap.
 - Prayer is not passive—it’s powerful, and it’s our primary way to fight for others.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Where in your life are you tempted to say “I got it” instead of trusting God—and what does that look like practically?**
2. **When you hear the story in Numbers 16, what honestly stands out to you more—God’s judgment or His mercy? Why do you think that is?**
3. **Do you genuinely believe hell is real and eternal, or do you find yourself minimizing it? How does what you believe about eternity affect the way you live and love people?**
4. **Who is one specific person in your life that isn’t standing for themselves spiritually right now—and what would it look like for you to start interceding for them this week?**

5. **What keeps you from praying boldly for others (fear, doubt, inconsistency, not knowing what to say, etc.)—and what would need to change for prayer to become your first response instead of your last?**