

**Numbers 21:6-9** Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people so that many of Israel died. And 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. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So, Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

**2 Kings 18:3-6** And Hezekiah did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. He removed the high places, broke the pillars, and cut down the Asherah. And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days, the people of Israel had made offerings to it (it was called Nehushtan). He trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel, so there was none like him among all the kings of Judah after him, nor among those who were before him. For he held fast to the LORD. He did not depart from following him but kept the commandments that the LORD commanded Moses.



Setting: JERUSALEM

**Memory Verse #9: Explaining Numbers 21:** John 3:14-15 – As Moses \_\_\_\_\_ the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that \_\_\_\_\_ believes in Him may have \_\_\_\_\_.

**Walking in His Dust: Disciples smash idolatry:** Colossians 3:5 Put to \_\_\_\_\_ therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is \_\_\_\_\_.

Lesson notes & questions:

# In Jerusalem

Lesson Reflections (review before Apply nights):

(You may wish to spend time in prayer before answering.)

- What is at least one new thing I learned about loving God or loving my neighbor?
- Which topics would I like to know more about or need clarification on?
- How does the Holy Spirit want me to apply the lesson’s Scripture to my discipleship?

**APPLY!**

- Share your “Lesson Reflections” responses with the group.
- Read **John 2:15-17**. What has Jesus overturned in your life (what do you have victory over)? Invite Him to examine you to see if there’s anything else He needs to overturn.
- Read **John 2:25-3:2**. In what ways do you come to Jesus by night? What masks are you wearing? Do people around you know where you stand with Jesus? Why or why not?
- Read **John 3:3-6**. Nicodemus had a misconception of what it meant to merit eternal life. How should we guard against theological misconceptions?
- Read **John 3:7-10**. Are you prepared to answer if someone asks, “how can these things (of life in the age to come) be?” What would your response be?
- Read **John 3:13-15** and **2 Kings 18-3-6**. The procedure God instituted to bring healing ended up becoming an idol for the people. A modern example might be how our society worships Christmas but not necessarily the Messiah. As we are in the Christmas season, what are some ideas on keeping Jesus in the center of our lives?

**GO!**

**What is God saying to you, and how are you responding?**

Matthew 9:37-38 – the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest.

**What is something you are excited about right now?**

Psalms 37:4 Delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

**What is a big challenge you are facing right now?**

Gal 6:2 Bear one another’s burdens and fulfill the Law of Christ.

**Who is on your heart right now and why?**

James 5:13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

**Review the last lesson’s GO section. What prayers has God answered?**

Philippians 4:8 Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

**Pray for one another!**