

# THE LAND BETWEEN

God at the Center

## ISRAEL'S CHALLENGE - MAKING ADEQUATE ROOM FOR GOD

- Exodus 20:2-3 - *I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.*

**LESSON #1:** God requires the \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

- Psalm 16:8; Luke 4:8; Colossians 3:1-2; Matthew 6:33

**LESSON #2:** Your primary focus will \_\_\_\_\_  
your life's \_\_\_\_\_ & the ordering of your  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**LESSON #3:** If anything else but \_\_\_\_\_  
the first place in your life, it will \_\_\_\_\_ you.

- Exodus 34:14 - *Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.*

**LESSON #4:** \_\_\_\_\_ occurs when we place  
anything but God at the center of our lives.

- Mark 12:30; 1 John 5:21

**DEFINITION:** \_\_\_\_\_ is the extreme  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_  
for something or someone other than the One True God.

## GRAPHICALLY / VISUALLY PUTTING GOD AT THE CENTER

### ① CAMP LAYOUT (Numbers 2:1-34)

- ▶ Think about all the visual aids God used to teach His people valuable desert lessons
  - His power
  - His salvation
  - His guidance
  - His provision
  - His centrality
- ▶ 10 plagues
- ▶ Opening of the Red Sea
- ▶ Cloud by day & a pillar of fire by night
- ▶ Bread from the sky & water from the rock
- ▶ Put my tent in the middle of your camp

- Exodus 25:8 - *Have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.*
- Exodus 29:45 - *Then I will dwell among the Israelites and be their God.*
- 2 Corinthians 6:16-17
- John 1:14 - *The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.*

### ② MARCHING ORDER (Numbers 10:11-28)

#### QUESTION

Does God occupy the central place in your life?

## LifeGroup Questions - Doing Life Together

Week of May 31-June 6, 2020

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"God at the Center"

Sermons can be viewed online at [creeksideeg.com/sermon](http://creeksideeg.com/sermon)

*Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible*

### PRAYER

Take a few moments to check in with your group to see how everyone is doing, then ask God to guide your time together.

### MY STORY

What question have you asked yourself during this pandemic season? Have you gotten any answers to your questions yet? Explain.

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. What was one insight or lesson you gleaned from this message and how can you apply it to your life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How has COVID-19, and America's response to it, affected you spiritually?

### DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

3. How did God use the following during the Israelites time in the desert to help teach them the importance of keeping Him central in their lives?
  - Exodus 20:1-17 – Giving them the Ten Commandments
  - Exodus 23:14-17 – Instituting three annual feasts
  - Exodus 25:1-7 – Having a freewill offering for building the tabernacle
  - Numbers 2:1-2 (1-34 for greater details) – Having a very specific camp layout

### TAKING IT HOME

4. What do each of these verses say about our relationship with God?  
Colossians 3:1-2

Matthew 6:33

Psalms 16:8

Exodus 20:2-3

2 Corinthians 6:16-17

1 John 5:21

5. When it comes to making room for God, which of these have you chosen? Does this need to change? If so, what is your plan?
  - \_\_\_ Not yet able to make room for God in your life
  - \_\_\_ Give God a little room in your life, but insisting that you are still in control
  - \_\_\_ Asking God to be central in your life, but continually wrestling over whose will is going to prevail
  - \_\_\_ Surrendering the control of your life in faith to God, allowing Him to be central in your life

### PRAYING TOGETHER

Share prayer needs and pray. Ask God to help you make Him central in your life each day.