



Sermon Discussion Guide

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NUMBERS 22:1-31

PRAY

LEADER: “As I read Psalm 46 aloud, take note of any word or short phrase that sticks out to you. After I read, we’ll sit in silence for a short time, and then I’ll prompt you to share that word or phrase with the group. Hear the Word of God:”

Read Psalm 46 Aloud...slowly

(give people time to be silent and listen – maybe 60 seconds)

LEADER: “Without explaining it, what word or phrase stuck out to you?”

*Give everyone time to respond with a word or a phrase. Encourage people not to explain, just share the word or phrase. Pray a **brief** thanksgiving to God for speaking through the Scripture.*

ENCOURAGE

What encouragement did we receive from God through this Scripture?

REFLECT AND CORRECT

Did God challenge your actions, thoughts, or dispositions with this passage? If so, share this with the group.

TEACH

Teaching Summary

“Then the Lord opened the donkey’s mouth and she spoke to Balaam... so Balaam bowed low and fell facedown.” On the importance of hearing God in a multiplicity of ways.

Review Questions

- How has God ever spoken to you through any of these “donkeys?”
 - Circumstances
 - People
 - Criticism
 - Interruption
 - Pain/Failure/Disappointment
 - Boredom/Routine
- What did you hear God say through these circumstances?
 - Did God speak affirmation?
 - Did God correct you?
 - Was it a word of prophesy?
 - Was the word instruction or guidance?
- Is anything happening in someone’s life now that may be a “donkey” and can the rest of the group help them listen well?

Transformation Questions

- What do you think God is saying to you?
- What is keeping you from doing this?
- If you were to do it, what might be a good first step?
- Who will you tell? Or who will you ask to help you?

SERVE

- How is God challenging you personally to respond to this Scripture and/or the sermon?
- How is God challenging your group to respond to this Scripture and/or the sermon?