

These notes suggest ways you can discuss the sermon preached on November 14, 2021, at First Evangelical Church in Memphis, TN. Feel free to use them for a class or small group discussion. Pick just one question or use them all.

1. This series, entitled Journey, centers on making good decisions. Share a personal incident in which you made a good decision. Tell about a poor decision. Explain what influenced each of your decisions?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 10:1–10. Much of what is described in these verses connects to incidents recorded in the Book of Numbers. What does 1 Corinthians 10:11 suggest would be the benefit of studying Numbers?
3. Have you ever read the Book of Numbers? What do you know about this book and what it can teach us?
4. The first three verses of Numbers recount how God told Moses to conduct a census? In Numbers 26 (about 38 years later), God told Moses to take a second census. Why do you think God did this? How does Exodus 30:12-14 help explain what God told Moses to do?
5. The key principle that Pastor Jim highlights in this sermon is this: God is our difference maker. Recount an experience you have had in which God came through in a big way when you obeyed Him despite facing a daunting challenge.
6. Compare and contrast the words of Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4:28–32 and the words of Jonathan in 1 Samuel 14:6. How do these two men illustrate a different view of God as our difference maker?
7. Is there something God is prompting you to do, but you are dealing with a ton of reasons why not? This might involve finances, your abilities, the voice of nay-sayers, the fear of going against the flow, or schedule challenges? Share with the group what you are facing and pray for each other in the knowledge that God is our difference maker.

PRINCIPLES

Passage	Day	Title	Principle
Numbers 1:1-3	The Day of the Census	What Really Counts	God is our difference maker.