

These notes suggest ways you can discuss the sermon preached on February 6, 2022, 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. Read Numbers 22–24. What was Balak’s objective? What was his intention in contacting Balaam? How did that work out? Based on Numbers 31:16, how did Balaam set up the events that are recorded in Numbers 25:1–18?
2. What was really going on as recorded in Numbers 25:1–3? Were the Moabites genuinely interested in Israel’s good and sponsoring a good relationship with them? How do you know your answer is correct? Have you ever encountered someone who seemed to be encouraging a friendship but who was actually working against your good? What happened?
3. God’s remedy for the plague which broke out required that leadership be killed in broad daylight as atonement? What would go through your mind if God asked you to administer such a penalty? What would make you hesitate? What would motivate you?
4. In what way is the worship of Baal-Peor similar to influences in our culture? In what ways is the church at risk of these cultural influences? How does Revelation 2:14–15 add to your understanding of what threatens the church?
5. Pastor Jim will use this incident to illustrate a principle: All in for God = God with you. What does this mean? What does this mean for you? In what way are you currently facing a challenge in your devotion to God alone? Share with each other principles that could help someone stay all in for God when the culture is challenging that devotion?
6. If you were a Phinehas, what would that look like in your life? What would you do differently? What could you do to become more of a Phinehas?

PRINCIPLES

Passage	Day	Title	Principle
Numbers 1:1-3	The Day of the Census	What Really Counts	God is our difference maker.
Numbers 10:11-13	Last Day at the Mountain	Here We Go!	God's grace is our protection.
Numbers 13:25-33	The Day the Spies Returned	Donut-holitis	God's gifts are good.
Numbers 14:1-38	The Day Israel Blew It	God's Curriculum	Learn the easy way.
Numbers 14:39-45	The Day After Israel Blew It	The Trouble With Me	Brokenness is good.
Numbers 16:41-59	The Day After Korah's Rebellion	The Power of One	Brace for grace.
Numbers 21:4-9	The Day of the Serpents	When Sin Bites	Trust God's remedy (for snake bite).
Numbers 25:1-18	The Day of Phinehas's Zeal	Pierced	All in for God = God with you.