

Sunday 28 May  
Beneath the surface  
Numbers 21:4—9

Introduction:

1. Pitfall:

A) Hearts unveiled: v4-5

B) Enemy revealed: v6

C) Deadly pitfall:

2. Provision:

A) Dire need:

B) Glorious provision:

C) Continuous provision:

**Conversation starter:**

Why do different people respond in different ways to the same situation?

# Growth group questions

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You will find it helpful to have heard the talk. You can listen again at:  
<http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

*Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.*

1. Can you think of different ways in which the same person could respond differently to difficult circumstances? What shapes the person's response?
2. What do we learn about the Israelites from the way they respond to their hardship in v4-5?
3. What does their response reveal about the way they view God?
4. Why do we see God choosing to respond in this particular way V6 (→ read Genesis 3:1-15)?
5. What is the devil trying to accomplish in Genesis 3 and Numbers 21? What weapons do we see Him deploying?
6. What is the deadly pitfall we see the Israelites falling into v5? Why is it deadly?
7. How do the things we believe about God in our hearts shape the way we respond to our difficult circumstances?
8. Why is it dangerous to try and shape our understanding of God's goodness by the circumstances we encounter in life?
9. Can you summarise the meaning of repentance in one sentence after reading v7?
10. What is the biggest problem facing all human beings? How do we see the Lord responding to our dire need v8 (→ read John 3:14-15)?
11. Why is the cross central to the Christian life?
12. What can we do to increase our awareness of the cross and therefore God's goodness?