

When faith falters.

NUMBERS 20:1—12
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Setting the scene

1: A broken reality (v 1–5)

2: that impacts everyone (v 6–12)

3: The solid rock (v 12)

Growth group questions

You'll find it helpful to have heard the talk—have a listen at bit.ly/hsbctalks.

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. What were the Israelites supposed to be doing during “the first month” in v1? What do we see them doing instead in v2–3 (please see Numbers 28:16–17 for additional insights)?
2. What impact did Miriam's death have on the community in general and Moses in particular?
3. How do we see Moses responding to these two events – the people's rebellion and loosing Miriam?
4. In your opinion, what caused Moses to fail in carrying out the Lord's command v8–9? Does your opinion change as you reflect deeper on the previous question?
5. Discuss the similarities between:
 - The world Moses lived in and our world.
 - The way Moses responded to the world he lived in and the way we respond to the world we live in.
6. What impact does our failure to trust the Lord with our brokenness have on the way we live our lives according to v12?
7. What did the rock in this chapter represent (please see 1 Corinthians 10:3–4)? And why was it supposed to only be struck once (please see 1 Peter 3:18 and Exodus 17:1–7)?
8. How can we grow in knowing and relying on Christ as the solid rock in our lives Colossians 2:6–7?