



Sermon Discussion Guide
Backstory: Don't Numb Out
Sunday, August 29, 2021
Based on Pastor Nick and Ashley's Message

Introduction

We're continuing in a series called *Backstory*. In this series we're looking at stories of Jesus in which we could all use a little bit more backstory to better understand what we're reading. In this fourth lesson, we learn that we should never grow numb to God's most important message.

To watch this week's sermon before your group discussion, go to www.journeyoffaith.com/messages

Share Your Story

1. When you hear or read John 3:16, do you ever get a bit numb to it? And, why?

Hear God's Story

2. Read John 3:1-21 straight through. How does reading what came before and after John 3:16 impact your perception or thoughts about it?
3. How does John 3:14-15 relate to Numbers 21:4-9, and why's that actually relevant for us today?
4. In the sermon we learned about three truths with three actions steps:
 - a. The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23a), so we should call out the sin in our life.
 - b. We need a savior (Rom. 6:23b), so we should remind ourselves to look to Jesus.
 - c. The world is in need of Jesus, so we should believe that God will use us.

Question: What impacts you the most from this list on a personal level, and what challenges you the most?

5. What can we learn about God from all that we've read and discussed?

Pray

6. Spend a few minutes in prayer as a group praying for what we've discussed, being sure to give God praise in addition to bringing your requests to Him.

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