

## Naso

### Discussion Guide

**Readings:** Num 4:21-7:89; Jdg 13:2-25; Lk 1:11-20

1. Scan through the portion and summarize its topics.
2. What insights or questions do you have regarding anything in the portion?
3. What insights do you have about how the actions and commandments in the portion are helping prepare Israel to “launch” into the wilderness? What can we learn from the portion about beginning a new life phase characterized by more authority and more responsibility (becoming a new parent, being promoted at work, etc.)?
4. What do you imagine Israel would be feeling and thinking at this point, on the threshold of spending a generation’s time camping in the wilderness? What is your personal attitude toward camping? How does camping (and temporary shelter in general) affect you in both good and bad ways?
5. If most Nazirite vows were taken in order to receive extra strength to tame the flesh, perhaps even to overcome an addiction, what is our modern equivalent of the Nazirite vow? What steps can we take if we are overwhelmed by besetting sin?
6. What insights do you have regarding the priestly blessing? Why might it seem strange that God would give the actual words that the priests are to use to call down blessing on the nation? How do we avoid treating such a blessing as a potion, a magic formula?
7. Where do you see Yeshua in the portion?