

## Unusual Accounts – Snakes

### Questions to discuss or think about

1. When you really need to see something get done, who would you rely on the most to make it happen?
2. Read Numbers 21:4-9. How would you describe this interaction between the Israelite people and God?
3. Why were the Israelites complaining? (vv.4-5)
4. What do their complaints reveal about how they saw their past, present and future?
5. What do their complaints show us about how they viewed God?
6. What was God's response to their complaint? (v6)
7. What were the snakes a reminder of? (*hint: what other significant story in the Scriptures centers around a snake?*)
8. What was the people's response to the plague? (v7)
9. How did God answer their prayers for deliverance (vv8-9)
10. What lessons do you think God was trying to teach Israel about faith through this?
11. Why was it important that their salvation came from faith alone?
12. Read John 3:14-17. Jesus refers to this event when speaking about himself. In what ways is Jesus' death on the cross like what happened in this story?
13. How can you be encouraged to increase how much you trust in God today?