



**Topeka Bible Church**  
**Settled Living in Unsettled Times, #1:**  
***"Control What You Can Control"***  
**Community Group Study Questions**  
**Numbers 10:11-32 and selected passages**

1. The Israelites knew they would have to move from Sinai at some point (*Numbers 10:11-13; Exodus 13:11*), but they didn't know when. How would you have dealt with this uncertainty? What would you have thought when the cloud lifted from the tabernacle?
  
2. What is significant about the Israelites' organized plan for moving in light of the uncertainty of the timing of their move (*Numbers 10:14-28*)? What can we learn from their example of preparedness (cf. *Matthew 24:42; Luke 12:39; 1 Peter 3:15*)?
  
3. What areas of your life do you need to bring order to instead of allowing chaos and disorder to rule? Time, money, physical health, spiritual growth, etc. How does God want you to pursue discipline and order in these areas (cf. *2 Timothy 1:7; Ecclesiastes 10:18*)?
  
4. Why was the tabernacle important and what did it represent (*Exodus 25:8; 29:44-46*)? How large was the tabernacle (*Exodus 38:9-13*)? How long do you think it took the Israelites to disassemble (*Numbers 10:17*) and reassemble it (*Numbers 10:21*)?

5. Considering the fact that the Israelites didn't know how many times they would have to disassemble and reassemble the tabernacle, what might their attitude have been? Would you have complained? What attitude does God want you to have instead (*Philippians 2:14; 1 Corinthians 10:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*)?
  
6. Why did Moses implore Hobab, his brother in law (son of Reuel or Jethro, *Exodus 2:18; 3:1*) to join the rest of the Israelites on their journey (*Numbers 10:29, 31*)? Why did Hobab want to go his own way (*Numbers 10:30*)? Why is isolation during times of uncertainty so dangerous (*Proverbs 15:22*)?
  
7. Moses was confident that Hobab would share in God's blessing upon the Israelites if Hobab came with them (*Numbers 10:29, 32*). Why can you invite to share in the abundant blessings of the Christian life during these uncertain times (*Ephesians 1:3*)?

**Memory Verse:**

**Now Moses said to Hobab son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out for the place about which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us and we will treat you well, for the LORD has promised good things to Israel."  
(Numbers 10:29, NIV)**