



Topeka Bible Church
Settled Living in Unsettled Times, #2:
"I'm Not Wandering, I'm Led!"
Community Group Study Questions
Numbers 9:15-23; 10:33-36 and selected passages

1. Do you ever find yourself "drifting" aimlessly or blindly through portions of your day? Why is "drifting" typically a dangerous way to go through an entire lifetime? How can you keep yourself from "drifting" without purpose and direction in your life?

2. How did the presence of God appear over the tabernacle before the people of Israel during the day time (*Numbers 9:15; Exodus 16:10; cf. Isaiah 6:4; cf. Revelation 15:8*)? How does this day-time appearance differ from the night-time appearance (*Numbers 9:15; Exodus 13:21*)?

3. Think about the guidance system upon which the Israelites relied (*Numbers 9:16-17; Exodus 40:36-37; Psalm 74:14*). Even though the visible symbols were all that the Israelites saw, Who was ultimately guiding and leading the people (*Numbers 9:18*)?

4. How were the Israelites expected to respond to this guidance from God (*Numbers 9:19-20, 23; 1:54; 2 John 6*)? Do you think they ever doubted God's guidance and direction? Do you struggle to accept and follow God's guidance for your life? Why or why not?

5. While God's direction and timing in our lives may not make sense to us, why should we still trust in His guidance over our own (*Numbers 9:21-22; Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 16:8*)? Where are you currently trusting your own "instincts" to guide you rather than trusting God's guidance (*Psalm 86:11*)?

6. What was the ark of the covenant and why did this object go in front of the Israelite procession each day (*Numbers 10:33; Exodus 25:10, 21-22; cf. Joshua 3:3*)? Why did Moses pray these prayers (*Numbers 10:35-36*) at the beginning and conclusion of their marches? What did these prayers communicate (*Psalm 68:1; 18:1-3*)?

7. How is God calling you to trust and follow Him more faithfully? Do you trust in His guidance, leadership, and protection (*Psalm 23:2; John 10:11, 14-15; Revelation 7:17*)? Make a plan to seek God's guidance by studying through a portion of the Scriptures this week (*Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:16-17*).

Memory Verse:

"At the LORD's command they encamped, and at the LORD's command they set out. They obeyed the LORD's order, in accordance with his command through

Moses."

(Numbers 9:23, NIV)