

“Tracking with the Trumpets”

Numbers 10:1–28

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Do you play, or have you ever played, a musical instrument? What was behind your choice? What enjoyment has it brought?

WORLDVIEW

2. Though the priests were to trumpet God’s guidance for the congregation, each member also had a responsibility. Discuss what this looks like in the biblical church government of elder-led congregationalism.

Discuss each member’s responsibility when it comes to the health of the church.

INTO THE BIBLE

3. Read 1 Corinthians 14:6–12. What parallels do you see with this passage in Numbers?

Do the same with 1 Corinthians 14:36–40.

GOING DEEPER

4. The congregation under Moses was expected to discern the varying sounds coming from the trumpeters. Failure to do so could lead to confusion, chaos, and even conflict within the nation as they set out for Canaan. How do you think the failure of a congregation to listen and learn from God's word can affect the corporate life of the church?

5. When Paul left Titus in Crete, he commanded him to "set in order" the local church (Titus 1:5–9). He was to do so through a proper handling of the word of God.

Discuss how God's word is to order the local church. Also, discuss why elders need to be skilled in teaching (Titus 1:9; 1 Timothy 3:2). What does this look like? Why is it important?

6. The trumpets were a God-given means of reminding God's people of his presence—of his "remembrance" of them. They were a means to remind them that he was committed to acting on their behalf.

How do God's means of grace for his people (gathering for preaching, fellowship, the ordinances, etc.) help us to remember God's gospel benefits to us?

7. Our elders need your prayerful support. Discuss practical ways in which we can help the elders to better and more clearly sound the trumpets and lead the church.