

## Study Aids

### Discussion Questions and Suggested Readings for “What’s the Message?” Lessons

#### Lesson 35

##### Questions:

There were a couple of points in the Book of Numbers that we did not have time to cover in our recorded Lesson, and they both had to do with visual aids. Note chapter 6, verses 1-5. This section presents the Nazarite, a special separated people within a special separated nation. They were clearly noted by their appearance – long hair and unshaven. Remember that Sampson and John the Baptizer were Nazarites. They were also notable by their diet, which included a restriction against eating a grape in any form, including wine. And they could not go near a dead body, not even their parents. So what was their purpose? What was it they were supposed to remind the Israelites about?

The second item is set forth in chapter 15, verses 37-40. Blue tassels were to be placed on the corners of their garments. In case you were not sure about the reference in the question above, the answer to both situations is clearly stated here in these verses: the purpose of these visual aids was to remind the People of Israel of one item of overall importance. What was it?

##### Suggested reading for further study:

**Everyday Life in Bible Times**, published by the National Geographic Society. See the section on “To Sinai and the Promised Land”, pages 177 – 205.