

## **SNAKES & COWS**

As preached on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

**Read:** Numbers 21:4-9

1. Do you have “ophidiophobia”? If so, what have been some of your more harrowing experiences?
2. As you first read through this story, what thoughts passed through your mind? Did it make sense? Did it seem fair? Why, or why not?
3. In what ways have you seen or experienced God’s deliverance coming in a way different than you expected?
4. What do you think of the shift in this passage from “communal Israel” to individuals being healed by choosing to turn their gaze upon the snake?
5. Had you noticed Jesus’ mention of the bronze snake in John 3:14-15 previously? What do you think about the parallels?
6. Take a moment to read 2 Kings 18. What becomes of the bronze snake hundreds of years later? Why does Hezekiah do this?
7. What “sacred cows” have you observed in your own life? In our life together at FHPC?
8. How can we apply Hezekiah’s wisdom to the “re-boot” experience we’re about to have together on the other side of COVID?