



Topeka Bible Church
Settled Living in Unsettled Times, #8:
“Rebellion in the Family, Part 1”
Community Group Study Questions
Numbers 16:1-35 and selected passages

1. Do you resist or resent those who have authority over you? Why is this our tendency? What do you notice about Korah and his large group of followers (Numbers 16:1-2)? Why did they rise up against Moses (Numbers 16:3; Psalm 106:16; Exodus 19:5-6)?

2. How did Moses respond to Korah (Numbers 16:4-5)? According to Moses, who had ultimate authority (Numbers 16:7; Psalm 89:11; Romans 13:1-2)? As a leader, how should you respond when your authority is challenged (Proverbs 3:5-6)?

3. Why were Korah and his followers (who were Levites) not content with their privileged position (Numbers 16:8-10; 3:6-9)? Why do envy and ingratitude lead us to rebel against authority figures who lead and serve us (James 3:13-14; 1 Corinthians 13:4)?

4. Against whom did Korah’s followers rebel (Numbers 16:11; 14:27; 1 Samuel 12:14-15)? Notice the defiance of Dathan and Abiram (Numbers 16:12; 26:9). What is the irony when they describe Egypt (Numbers 16:13-14; 13:27; Exodus 3:8; 16:3)?

5. Does God's judgment on all of the Israelite assembly seem harsh (*Numbers 16:21; Exodus 32:10; Deuteronomy 9:14*)? What are the dangers of following people who rebel against the authority of God's appointed leaders (*Numbers 16:23; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; Proverbs 24:1; Psalm 1:1-2*)?

6. Why did Moses order the rest of the Israelites to move away from the tents of the rebellious leaders (*Numbers 16:26; Genesis 19:15; Jeremiah 51:6*)? How would the rebellious ones know whether or not God had sent Moses to lead His people (*Numbers 16:28-30; 1 Kings 18:36-37; cf. John 6:38*)?

7. How did God deal with Korah's rebellion (*Numbers 16:31-35; Psalm 106:17-18*)? Do you realize just how dangerous a rebellious attitude is (*Numbers 26:10; Jude 1:10-11*)? Do you need to repent of such an attitude toward anyone (family, at church, work, government, etc.; *1 Peter 2:13-15*)?

Memory Verse:

**"He has brought you and all your fellow Levites near himself, but now you are trying to get the priesthood too."
(Numbers 16:10, NIV)**