



**Topeka Bible Church**  
**Settled Living in Unsettled Times, #9:**  
***“Rebellion in the Family, Part 2”***  
**Community Group Study Questions**  
**Numbers 16:31-17:13 and selected passages**

1. Given God’s response to Korah’s rebellion (*Numbers 16:31-33*), why do we forget how offensive a rebellious attitude is to God? What happened to the 250 followers of Korah (*Numbers 16:34-35*)? What did fire represent (*Numbers 11:1; Leviticus 10:1-2; Hebrews 10:26-27*)?
  
2. What did God order Eleazar the priest to do with the left over censers (*Numbers 16:38-39*)? What were these censers intended to remind the rest of the Israelites community of (*Numbers 16:40; 1:51; Jeremiah 44:29; 2 Chronicles 26:18*)?
  
3. Do you find it amazing that the Israelites are back to “grumbling/murmuring” against Moses and Aaron the next day (*Numbers 16:41-42*)?! Why had they not learned their lesson (*Numbers 16:3*)? Why did they think Moses and Aaron killed the people?
  
4. Was God prepared to wipe out the entire Israelite camp, save for Moses and Aaron (*Numbers 16:44-45; Exodus 32:10; Deuteronomy 9:7-8*)? Why would He do this? Why would Moses and Aaron respond like they did (*Numbers 16:46; Exodus 32:11*)?

5. Even though Moses and Aaron made intercession for the Israelites, 14,700 still died from the plague (*Numbers 16:47-49*). Does this penalty seem too harsh for grumbling (*1 Corinthians 10:10; Philippians 2:14*)? What did their grumbling reveal (*Exodus 16:2-3; Psalm 106:13*)?
  
6. Why did God want Moses to collect rods from each of the Israelites tribes (*Numbers 17:2*)? Whose rod blossomed and what did this signify (*Numbers 17:5, 8; cf. Hebrews 9:4*)? What did God ultimately want His people to do (*Psalm 37:3-6; 62:8*)?
  
7. Notice the “ripple effect” of rebellion: Korah rebelled against God’s authority (*Numbers 16:1-2*). Just one day later, more of God’s people grumbled and rose up (*Numbers 16:41; Proverbs 24:21-22*). Do you seek to start rebellion or seek to stop it? Are there any rebellions you can stop this week (*cf. Romans 14:19; Hebrews 12:14*)?

**Memory Verse:**

**“But the LORD said to Moses, ‘Put back the rod of Aaron before the testimony to be kept as a sign against the rebels, that you may put an end to their grumbings against Me, so that they will not die.’”**

**(Numbers 17:10, NASB)**