

Numbers 16-20 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From Num 16:41-50 what did Israel do the next day (v41) and how did God respond (v42-45)? What did Moses do and why (v46-50)? What did the people's grumbling cause (v49)?

5. In 17:1-13 by what process did God affirm Aaron (v1-3, 4-5)? Why is v3 significant? Describe what occurred (v6-7, 8-9) and what it showed. What were the results (v10-13)?

6. Based on 18:1-20 how did God protect the people (17:12-18:2)? What were the roles of the priests (v1, 3, 5, 7) and Levites (v2-4, 6)? Identify the priests' portion (v8-15, 16-19, 20)?

7. According to 18:21-32 what was the portion of the Levites (v21, 24, 30-32)? What was their responsibility to the people (v22-23) and to God and the priests (v25-29)?

8. Using 19:1-22 describe the "ordinance of the red heifer" (v1-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10) and its purpose (v9). Give examples of when this would be needed (v11-12, 14-15, 16-19, 21-22)? What if it wasn't done (v13, 20)?

9. From 20:1-7 what was the next step (v1) and what occurred (v1, 2)? How did the people react (v3-5) and what did Moses (v6) and the Lord (v6-7) do?

10. In 20:8-13 what did God tell Moses (v8) and how did Moses respond (v9, 10, 11)? What was God's judgment of Moses and the people (v12-13)?

11. Looking at 20:14-29 what two negatives did Israel encounter (v14-21, 23-24) and what was their response to each (v21-22, 25-29)? What can we learn from this?

Scripture to Remember

"The Lord will show you who is His, and who is holy, and will bring him near to Himself; even the one whom He will choose, He will bring near to Himself."

Numbers 16:5 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Transforming Faith (Heb 11:31, Joshua 2)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Think about your spiritual journey. Tell the group about some ways the God has worked in you to bring you to a place of faith in Him.
2. Read Heb 11:31. Describe Rahab and her house. How does this show the providential nature of her faith? Share some "illogical" things God has done for your faith.
3. Discuss why God must act first before we place faith in Him. What is our "part" in this?
4. In what 2 ways does God's preparation occur? As you think about how God prepares your heart for faith what ways does He typically use?
5. Talk about the meaning of "the irrefutable evidence of the Gospel is the unmistakable activity of God in the midst of His people". How does He work this way today?
6. What "proved" Rahab's faith? What evidence in your life shows that you have faith?
7. Share with the group some of the "prizes" that God has given you as a result of your faith in Him. Talk about what we should do with this truth.
8. If there is time discuss anything else meaningful to you from the message Sunday.



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Who's In Charge Here?

Introduction to Numbers 16-20

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

When the question, "Who's in charge here?" is asked someone is usually looking to challenge the authority of the person running the show. In this week's study Aaron, and later Moses, both have their authority challenged. First, Korah and his fellow Levites challenge Aaron and the priests, but when God, who is the ultimate authority, intervenes, there is a resolution of their jealous rebellion. Moses called on Korah, Dathan, Abiram and two hundred fifty others, all Levites, to appear before the Lord so that He could reaffirm the Aaronic priesthood. As all except Dathan and Abiram stood before the Lord He told everyone to separate from them. Moses then asked for an unprecedented miracle, so God opened the earth and it swallowed all of them up. When

the people grumbled about this a plague ensued that killed 14,700 of them. Moses, though, kept praying for the people. The final resolution came when God had each tribal leader bring almond rods so that the one that blossomed overnight would indicate God's priestly choice. Aaron's blossomed and even bore ripe almonds; so this rod was to be kept in the ark for all generations to know God's affirmation of the Aaronic priesthood. After this there was a restoration of priestly importance. The Levites were again declared to be assistants to the priests and the priestly portion of the offerings was spelled out since they had no other inheritance than God. Next, the Levites portion, the tithe of the people, was delineated, from which they were to tithe to the priesthood. Next the ordinance of the Red



Unbelief can cost God's kingdom an entire generation.

Heifer was described, which provided "holy water" for purification from all uncleanness, especially relating to dead things. Last, Moses' challenge of God's authority was rebuffed. The people were grumbling over their lack of water again and God told Moses to strike the rock to provide it. In his anger he disobeyed, striking it twice. God pronounced judgment, declaring he would die before the Promised Land, just as Miriam and Aaron, who had already died. This was the result of fleshly reliance, because ultimately God was the One in charge.

Daily Study Questions for Numbers 16-20

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to <http://www.thehospitalchurch.com/LifeGuides.html>—lesson notes)

<p>1. Read Num 16:1-11. Who challenged Moses (v1-2) and why (v3)? How did Moses respond (v4, 5, 6-7) and what did he question Korah about (v8-10, 11)? What was Korah's real problem?</p>	
<p>2. In 16:12-22 who refused Moses' summons and why (v12, 13-14)? What was Moses' reaction (v15, 16-17), their response (v18-19), and God's (v20-21)? What did Moses do next (v22)? Apply.</p>	
<p>3. Using 16:23-40 what did God direct (v23-24) and how did Moses (v25-26) and the people (v27) respond? What did he tell them (v28-30) and what occurred (v31-35)? What else did God say (v36-40)?</p>	

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