1. (16:1) What was it that Korach “took?” How many men joined him and who were they?

2. (16:2-3) What was Korach’s complaint? Who was it against? What was the response to his complaint?

3. (16:12-15) How did Moshe handle Datan and Aviram? What was their complaint?

4. What were the three tests Moshe used against Korach and his group? What did they represent? What does this reveal about Moshe’s faith?

5. What incident should the 250 men with incense have remembered? What does a person’s complaint about another person reveal about his/her own attitudes and heart?

6. What does Aharon’s action regarding the plague teach us about intercessors and intermediaries? How does this speak of Yeshua?

7. What is the significance of Aharon’s budding staff?
8. In chapter 16, Moshe intercedes on behalf of the entire nation. Can you think of other times he did this? What did the nation do in return for his actions? What did Moshe do in return for their actions?

9. This account could create a view of God as harsh, vindictive, and ruthless. How do you view it?

Questions for reflection and application:


2. (16:14) Do you struggle with the promises God has made to you? (Exo 3:16-18, Joh 6:22-69)

3. (16:21) Does your presence affect the wickedness in this world, and hold back the judgement of God? (Exo 32:10, Gen 18:20-30, 1Co 7:14, Mat 5:13, Deu 29:10-13, Rom 11:16)

4. (17:10) How can you reach the lost if you separate yourself from them? Are you “in” the world, but not “of” it? (Gen 18:23, Num 16:27, 2Co 2:14-16, Mat 9:11-13, Jer 5:1, Luk 19:9-10)

5. (17:17) Is Yeshua at work in you, causing you to bud, blossom, and bringing forth fruit? (Psa 110:1-2, Jer 23:5-6, Rom 12:1-2)
