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CHAPTERS: Numbers 13-14, 16

Opening Questions:

- a. Have you ever witnessed someone be punished publicly?
- b. What's something you swore you'd never do again... but did it anyway within 24 hours?
- c. What concerns would you have moving to a new country you never visited before?
- d. Ideally, what information would you like to have to confirm God is working in your life.

Discussion Questions:

Chapter: Numbers 16:

1. **Recap:** Who are the characters in this chapter and what is the core issues at play? (*Num. 3:27-32, 4:1-20, Gen. 49:3-4*).
2. Discuss the test Moses presents to the rebels. What is he asking the Lord to confirm? (verses 6, 16-19).
3. Why did Dathan and Abiram refuse to heed Moses' command to come? (verse 12)
4. How does God respond to the test?
5. Why do Moses and Aaron intercede ?
6. How would you characterize the punishment of Korah? Was this supernatural or natural?
7. What exactly is the "realm of the dead"?
8. How do you explain the people's reaction after God's judgment on the rebellion?
9. The people still grumble the next day despite God's judgment. Why do you think rebellion/complaints persist?

10. What example in leadership can we extract from Moses and Aaron's response to these complaints?

Chapter: Numbers 13

12. Who are the spies Moses sent to spy the land? Is there any significance?

12a. Why does Moses ask the spies to evaluate both the people and the land (verses 18–20) Does this indicate a lack a faith?

13. What evidence do the spies provide? Should that have brought comfort to Moses and the Israelites?

14. What significance might there be in the fact that the spies explored the land "from the Desert of Zin to Rehob?" (verse 21)?

15. How long was the exploration? Do you think the time influenced the spies' reports?

16. Compare the reports of the 10 spies versus Caleb and Joshua's. Were the reports objectively accurate?

17. What underlying beliefs or assumptions caused the 10 spies to interpret the same evidence differently?

18. Why do you think fear had more persuasive power over the people than God's past acts of deliverance?

Chapter 14

19. Does the Israelites' desire to return to Egypt (verses 3–4) reveal a deeper spiritual issue than simple fear of the Canaanites?

20. Do you think the people have beef with Moses or God? (verses 1-4)

21. Describe the reactions of Moses, Aaron, Caleb, and Joshua in verses 5-9.