

### **Warm-Up Activity**

In this form of the game 'Telephone', the leader begins by whispering this not-commonly known verse to the person next to you, continuing to each person until it returns to you, the leader. Notice the ways in the which the Word of God changes as it moves around the room.

Numbers 16:9 "...is it too small a thing for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself..." (Or choose any verse you want, as long as it is not commonly memorized).

1. Describe the difficulty of hearing and sharing this versed around the room.
2. How difficult is it for you to hear and share the full truth of God's Word?

### **Warm-up Questions**

1. Describe ways you, as a child, perhaps took advantage of your parent's instruction by not fully obeying? (Or ways in which you see your own children do this).
2. Why is partial disobedience, in reality, full disobedience? Would you call this 'rebellion?'
3. Describe a time you experienced the fall-out of partial disobedience (rebellion).

In this passage, Korah, Dathan, and Abiram lead a revolt against Moses and Aaron, claiming that because all people of Israel are considered holy, all should then carry the same privileges of priests, able to enter into the tabernacle and into the presence of God. God's anger arose and He planned to destroy the entire congregation. Moses interceded on behalf of the people, and God instead destroyed Korah and all in his household. The following day, the people grumbled against Moses and Aaron for the deaths, and again the LORD was angered. He sent a plague, and before Moses could interceded, 14,700 perished. In order to fully establish His chosen leadership, the LORD had each chief place their staff in front of the ark for a night. Aarons was the only staff to blossom, firmly establishing His as God's chosen leader.

1. Read Numbers 16:3. What is the truth outlined in this verse?
2. Describe the way in which Korah, Dathan and Abiram twist this truth.
3. What are a few truths in God's Word that in modern times have been overemphasized to the point of becoming heretical?
4. What results have you seen from this type of twisting of God's Word?

5. How many leaders were they able to gather in their complaint? How do you think this was possible?
6. Describe a time you have seen a full-throttled revolt or rebellion begin from just a few people complaining? What enabled them to gather people alongside them? What was the result?
7. Describe a time in which you rebelled against authority, against God. Describe the experience, including the results.
8. How do these two stories fit into the full story of the Bible?

**Encourage your group to commit time to pray for one another, encourage one another, meet each other's needs, fellowship together and interceded for each other as the Lord leads. Encourage them to continue to meet and to return for the next scheduled gathering.**