

# Numbers for grumblers



## Materials for group meetings

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting **THEME: Trouble on the way!**

**Prepare** Pray for your meeting. If possible, read Numbers 7-10. And the Numbers for grumblers 'book-overview'.

**Icebreaker** A person important to you cannot continue with you (moves/becomes ill/etc). When did you experience this and what did you feel? Whoever wants can share briefly.

**Pray** Ask God for His Holy Spirit to speak to you through His Word today.

**Bible passage** Read **Numbers 10:11-12** and **Numbers 10:29-36**.

#### **Numbers 10:11-12**

These verses summarise very shortly how Israel set out from Sinai to the border of Canaan. What follows is an account of that journey, the passage ends with 12:16. From 13:25 we know that they camped at Kadesh. In chapters 1-10 we see that the Lord had paid a lot of attention to preparing his people for the journey. This explains that they all knew what to do and how to set out (10:13-28).

- Observations, lessons or questions? (Maybe also coming back to last meeting)

#### **Numbers 10:29-36**

Moses invites Hobab to join. Probably Hobab is Moses' brother-in-law<sup>1</sup>. Earlier his father-in-law departed to his own country (Exodus 18:19).

- Hobab was probably an expert in knowing how to survive in the desert. How would it have felt for Moses and the people, if Hobab wouldn't join them?
- The question whether or not Hobab would join after Moses' second plea, isn't answered. However, even without Hobab they were able to continue. Where do you see that in the text?
- The ark – seen as a sort of a portable throne of the Lord – was seeking a resting place for God's people. Which lesson could we learn here?
- Share further observations, lessons or questions.

### **Digging deeper: Trouble on the way!**

Last time, we asked wherein you were challenged to trust and believe God. And we prayer for each other. Two questions for you now: 1) how did it go on? 2) what, from this meeting, do you really want to keep in mind the upcoming time?

Take some minutes of silence and then share briefly. Each time that a group member has shared, one or two of the group might pray for him/her briefly.

**End** with a closing prayer by the group leader.

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<sup>1</sup> We read about Moses' father-in-law in Exodus 2:18 (Reuel), Ex. 4:18 (Jethro – maybe his 'official/priest-name') and Ex. 18