

Numbers for grumblers



Materials for group meetings

6th Meeting **THEME: Unstoppable blessing**

Prepare in prayer. If you have time, read Chapters 22 - 24

Icebreaker Have you recently / ever experienced one of these two things?

1. It seems that people have been talking about you in a negative way. OR:
2. You were invited to go somewhere / do something of which you knew you would better not go/do – but at the same time it attracted you, you hesitated to say no.

Take a minute or so to think about it, share briefly – also share how you felt about it.

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

Bible passage Read Numbers 22:1-7, 22-31, 24:10-14, :17

Look again at Numbers 22:1-7

NB: Moab is Lot's family. If they bless Israel (Abraham's family) and serve them they have nothing to fear. Midian is Abraham's family, by Keturah, a later wife of Abraham. This explains why Balaam knows about the Lord and blessing and curse.

- Is there something in these verses that strikes you, that teaches you a lesson or that you want to ask about?

Look again at Numbers 22:22-31 / 24:10-14, :17

- What strikes you in the story about Balaam and the donkey?
- Balaam hoped to receive money, honour and friendship with the king. Did he get what he wanted?
- And Balak, did he get what he wanted?
- What seems to have been Moses' purpose when he described these things in this way?
- Which lessons did Moses want to pass for future generations of believers through this passage?

Digging deeper: Unstoppable blessing.

As God has decided to bless His children in Christ, no one can take away this blessing for all who believe in Christ! Read Romans 8:31-39 aloud. Take a few minutes of silence. In what way is this message comforting or challenging for you at this moment? Share briefly.

End with prayer. (decide how you do that; one option is that a person shares and another immediately follows the sharing with a prayer; the other option is that first all share and then you take some time wherein anyone can pray for anyone)