

Numbers for grumblers



Materials for group meetings

7th Meeting **THEME: Is authentic Christianity intolerant?**

Prepare in prayer. Read Chapter 25. Consider to listen the ICF Delft sermon on this chapter (on website).

Icebreaker Peace with God. Do you have that? Share briefly.

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

Bible passage **Read Numbers 25**

Look again at Numbers 25:1-3

- God had no peace with his people in these verses. Can you understand why?

Look again at Numbers 25:4-9

- (vs. 4-5). Moses proposes an alternative solution than God told him, to restore peace. Why?
- (vs. 6). What is the problem here?
- (vs. 7-9). Through Phineas' deed, peace with God seemed to be restored, though many had already died due to the plague that had come on God's people as they sinned. Read Romans 3:21-26. How do we get peace with God?

Look again at Numbers 25:10-18

Read what is written below:

In these verses Moses gives three lessons for future generations of God's people. First: they need the 'zealous/jealous' priesthood, by which peace is restored. For us this means we need Christ's priesthood. Second: they need to be aware that sin doesn't always show up on the fringes of God's people, then still discipline among God's people is needed. Third: peace with God cannot go together with peace with 'the seed of the serpent' (see Genesis 3:15). God doesn't tolerate sin, or the one who inspires people to sin. However, as God loved his sinful people and wanted to give us peace through Jesus Christ, though we were so sinful, we ought to be loving and outreaching, seeking ways that others may come to know Him and get saved.

- Questions, remarks?

Digging deeper

Read Romans 5:1 twice. Take some moments of silence and wonder what you learnt or what came to your attention today as important for you in your current situation. Share briefly, pray for each other.

End with prayer.