

# Numbers for grumblers



## Materials for group meetings

### 9th Meeting **THEME: Great expectations.**

**Prepare** in prayer. Read Chapters 28 and 29.

**Icebreaker** We need to be reminded of God. Of who he is, what he has done for us and promised to us. Of the fact that he is there and that through Christ we may come to him. Do you have a rhythm, a pattern, a way to remind yourself of God?

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

How would God's people be reminded of God and continue to have time with Him, whereas they would no longer live in tents, no longer be led by the cloud, no longer eat manna from heaven? God told Israel: take your agenda and note when to come to me & what to bring.

### **Bible passage** Read Numbers 28 : 1- 8

- **Vs. 1-2** When God's people come to the promised land, God tells them when he expects them to come to him and what he expects them to bring to him. Do you believe God still expects us to come to him at certain times and to bring certain things to him? [Give your own answers. If you need help, you may look at Psalm 50:12-15, Romans 12:1-2]
- **Vs. 3-4** They had to sacrifice a lamb without blemish daily, in the morning and at twilight. The lamb without blemish is acceptable to God. The sinner is not acceptable to God – the wages of sin is death (Rom.6:23). Then you would expect that the innocent lamb might live and that the sinner should die. However, the lamb died, so that the sinners might live. These offerings were fulfilled in Christ's sacrifice. We no longer need to offer lambs. Why should we not forget these lamb-offerings, though they were fulfilled in Christ?
- All Gospels mention how the religious leaders were inquiring Jesus to find guilt in him – but they couldn't. Jesus is the lamb without blemish. Now read: Colossians 1:21-22. What do you learn?
- Day-by-day. Read Psalm 96:1-2. What do you learn here?
- **Vs. 5-8** The flour mixed with oil (which makes bread) and the wine also point to what is acceptable to God and what we should be like. We can only be like this through Christ's sacrifice. (See I Corinthians 5:7) Our calling is not to try to become like that. But to remain what we became through faith in Christ. In Him we became pure and holy and blameless. However, continually our 'flesh' is still inclined to sin. Therefore, we have to put to death the deeds of our body (See Romans 8:13) and to purify ourselves (See I John 3:3). How can you purify yourself? (If you don't know, look at I John 1:9)

### **Digging deeper**

Read Hebrews 10:19-25 twice and after that be silent for at least two minutes. Perhaps you have learnt many things today. But if you should share one thing that is important for you not to forget from what you heard in this meeting, what is it? Share briefly (without discussion).

**End** with prayer.