

These notes suggest ways you can discuss the sermon preached on January 23, 2022, at First Evangelical Church in Memphis, TN. Feel free to use them for a class or small group discussion. Pick just one question or use them all.

1. Read Numbers 16:1–40 which describe events on a single day. What happened and why? What must it have been like to witness these events personally? Would experiencing this make you more likely or less likely to follow God? Explain your answer.
2. The response of Israel in Numbers 16:41 is hard to fathom. Why are they blaming Moses? What is really going on here? Does this make any sense? Does it seem like Israel is “taking up an offense” for Korah? In what way is what Israel is doing similar to something the world does or the church does?
3. Why does God begin an immediate campaign of judgment (Numbers 16:45)? What has Israel done that is serious enough to invite such a response from God?
4. If you were Aaron and were instructed by Moses to stand between advancing death and those who deserve judgment, what would go through your mind? What must that have been like? In what way does what Aaron did give us a glimpse of how grace works?
5. In what way is what Aaron did a picture of what Jesus has done for us? How does Hebrews 7:23–25 relate to your answer?
6. We are familiar with the phrase – “Brace for impact!”— which would seem an apt expression for what was about to happen to Israel before Aaron intervened. Instead they received grace. Are there ways we can invite God’s grace (Brace for Grace) instead of bracing for impact when we have dishonored God?

**PRINCIPLES**

Passage	Day	Title	Principle
Numbers 1:1-3	The Day of the Census	What Really Counts	God is our difference maker.
Numbers 10:11-13	Last Day at the Mountain	Here We Go!	God's grace is our protection.
Numbers 13:25-33	The Day the Spies Returned	Donut-holitis	God's gifts are good.
Numbers 14:1-38	The Day Israel Blew It	God's Curriculum	Learn the easy way.
Numbers 14:39-45	The Day After Israel Blew It	The Trouble With Me	Brokenness is good.
Numbers 16:41-59	The Day After Korah's Rebellion	The Power of One	Brace for grace.