

Critical Point

Would you rather be a leader who gets criticized, or criticize a leader?

Read Numbers 16:1-50.

Read Numbers 17:1-13.

1. Why did Korah rebel against Moses?
 - A. Moses was a bad leader.
 - B. Korah thought Egypt had been wonderful for the Israelites.
 - C. Dathan and Abiram encouraged him to do this.
 - D. Enough people wanted a change, so Korah filled the leadership role.
 - E. God asked Korah to do this.
 - F. Moses had led the Israelites up to, but not into, the Promised Land.
 - G. Korah was jealous because he couldn't be a priest.
 - H. The military chose Korah as their leader.
 - I. Other.

2. How did Moses respond to Korah's rebellion?
 - A. He resigned.
 - B. He ran away.
 - C. Moses returned to Egypt.
 - D. Moses returned to Mount Sinai.
 - E. He turned to God.
 - F. Moses reasoned with Korah and his renegades.
 - G. He expelled the complainers from the camp.
 - H. Moses set up a showdown with both groups before God.
 - I. Other.

3. Why did Moses have the rebels burn incense in censers before God?
 - A. The rebels wanted religious leadership.
 - B. The rebels wanted religious power.
 - C. The incense in censers would place them in direct contact with God.
 - D. It would show whether God accepted or rejected them.
 - E. God told Moses to do this.
 - F. Everybody was doing it.
 - G. This purified them from sin.
 - H. It illustrated their prayers ascending to God.
 - I. Other.

4. Why did the earth swallow the families of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram?
 - A. It served as a direct judgment from God.
 - B. Moses prayed for this divine action.
 - C. It was a major earthquake with lucky timing for Moses.
 - D. The three rebels and their families defied Moses.
 - E. The three rebels and their families defied God.
 - F. They didn't like the land where they were, so God freed them from it.
 - G. God needed to make a powerful statement.
 - H. Other.

5. What did the Israelites do after the earth swallowed the rebels?
 - A. Worshiped God.
 - B. Repented of their rebellion.
 - C. Made a memorial for Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.
 - D. Blamed Moses and Aaron for God's judgment.
 - E. Promised Moses they would never question his leadership again.
 - F. Placed themselves in need of Aaron's intercession.
 - G. Sought another new leader.
 - H. Other.

6. What happened with the 12 rods placed before God overnight?
 - A. God did some magic—a miracle.
 - B. Moses or Aaron did some magic.
 - C. All the rods started the same.
 - D. Aaron's dead rod was replaced with a nearby almond branch.
 - E. Placing the rods before the ark of the covenant made the difference.
 - F. The miracle led to a spiritual revival among the people.
 - G. The Israelites would never question Moses or Aaron again.
 - H. Other.

7. If God wants all of His people to have direct access to him—the priesthood of all believers—why did he make such a big deal with Korah and his followers who wanted to be priests?

8. When have you seen God act in a powerful or “magical” way?