

## THE UNBELIEF OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Numbers 11:1-16:50

Key Verse 14:11

### \* Repeated grumbling of the Israelites (11:1-14:45)

1. Why did the people grumble and how did God respond to them? (11:1-17) How did God respond to their request for meat? (11:18-35) What was Miriam's and Aaron's problem and what does God teach through it? (12:1-16)
2. Describe the process of exploring the land of Canaan. (13:1-29) Why did the dispute about entering the land of Canaan arise? (13:30-14:10) How did Moses pray for his people and how does God treat the unbelief of his people? (14:11-23) What was their main sin problem and why is it so serious? (14:11) Think about the importance of our speech. (11:1; 12:1,2; 14:27,28)
3. Why did God want to bring Caleb and his descendants into the land of Canaan? (14:24) Why is it so important to see the incidents from the point of God's promise and with the eyes of faith? How did God punish the grumbling people and what was the consequence of their grumbling and disobedience? (14:25-45)

### \* Rebellion of Korah (15:1-16:50)

4. Which commandments did God give for the descendants in the Promised Land and why? How did God open the way of forgiveness for accidental sins? (15:22-31; 22-29; 37-41) What were the punishments for blasphemy and Sabbath-breaking, and why? (29-30; 32-26; 41) How did God deal with the rebels and how did Moses carry this matter? (16:1-16:50)

### \* Application

What can you learn from this passage about the sinfulness of the Israelites and about God's faithfulness? Can you find yourself and God's work in your life through the story of the Israelites?