**“PROTECTED FROM THE PLAGUE”**

 **Numbers 16:41-50**

***Sermon Review***

*What was the Main Point of the Sermon from Sunday?*

*What part of the Sermon did you find to be the most beneficial?*

***SMALL GROUP LESSON***

1. Have you ever needed God to save you from a situation that you caused or initiated?
2. How do people typically react to those that oppose them?
3. How does opposition show others who we really are?

**Numbers 16:41-50 (NLT)**
41  But the very next morning the whole community of Israel began muttering again against Moses and Aaron, saying, “You have killed the LORD’s people!”
42  As the community gathered to protest against Moses and Aaron, they turned toward the Tabernacle and saw that the cloud had covered it, and the glorious presence of the LORD appeared.
43  Moses and Aaron came and stood in front of the Tabernacle,
44  and the LORD said to Moses,
45  “Get away from all these people so that I can instantly destroy them!” But Moses and Aaron fell face down on the ground.
46  And Moses said to Aaron, “Quick, take an incense burner and place burning coals on it from the altar. Lay incense on it, and carry it out among the people to purify them and make them right with the LORD. The LORD’s anger is blazing against them—the plague has already begun.”
47  Aaron did as Moses told him and ran out among the people. The plague had already begun to strike down the people, but Aaron burned the incense and purified the people.
48  He stood between the dead and the living, and the plague stopped.
49  But 14,700 people died in that plague, in addition to those who had died in the affair involving Korah.
50  Then because the plague had stopped, Aaron returned to Moses at the entrance of the Tabernacle.

***EXPLORE***

* + 1. How did the Israelites grumble against Moses and Aaron the very next day? ([16:41](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+16%3A41))

* + 1. How did the Lord say He was going to punish the Israelites? ([16:42-45](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+16%3A42-45))
		2. Who interceded for the people of Israel? (16:45)
		3. What did Aaron do to help the people once the plague started? (16:47-48)
		4. How many people died as a result of the plague? (16:49)

***APPLY***

1. How do a person’s true colors come out when facing opposition?
2. What does complaining do to our hearts?

1. How can opposition be handled in a positive way?
2. What part does prayer play when we face difficulties and opposition?

1. How can grumbling attitudes lead to rebelling against God?

1. If you were Moses, how would you have handled the murmuring and accusation that “You killed the Lord’s people!”?

1. How can you entrust to God the opposition you are facing this week?

**Additional Thoughts:**

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