

# Season 1 Study 7: THE BIG YEAR

## Grumbling in the Wilderness

*It's Journey through God's Word*

***Have you stumbled on anything interesting in God's Word this week?***

1. Have you ever complained to God about anything? What kinds of things do you tend to complain about most?

### **READ NUMBERS 11:1-9 TOGETHER**

2. Rather than being grateful for God's provision, the Israelites complained! What was the nature of their complaint? How did God express His anger at their grumbling? How are Moses' actions in vs 2 'Christ-like'?
3. Who exactly was it that was complaining, according to vs 4? Where did this group come from?

### **READ NUMBERS 11:10-15**

4. How did God feel about the people's complaints? How did Moses feel (see vs 10)? Was there a difference in their responses and emotions?
5. What was Moses' complaint about (vs 11-15)? Do you think Moses had the right to complain to God? Explain Moses' emotional state in vs 15. Is he suicidal?

### **READ NUMBERS 11:16-23**

6. What selection criteria did God give Moses for choosing elders? What would their job be, and how would God empower those elders?
7. What lesson is God going to teach the Israelites (vs 18-20)? Is He right to respond to them this way?
8. What concern does Moses have about God's plan in vs 21-22, and how does God respond to his lack of faith?

### **READ NUMBERS 11:24-30**

9. What was Joshua concerned about when the Holy Spirit came upon the elders? Was he right to be concerned?

### **READ NUMBERS 11:31-35**

10. How often did God bring quail into the camp to feed the Israelites (see **Exodus 16:11-13**)?
11. Who died in the plague, according to vs 34? Was this a good or bad thing for Israel?
12. What lessons or warnings should we glean from this passage?

*But they soon forgot his works; they did not wait for his counsel.*

*But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness, and put God to the test in the desert;  
He gave them what they asked, but sent a wasting disease among them. (Psalm 106:13-15)*