

## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE: APRIL 19, 2026

### THE MEDIATOR WHO RAN – NUMBERS 16

#### 1. Discussion Starter

- When you hear a story like this in Numbers, --one with firepans, judgment, and mediators-- What's your initial reaction? Confusion, discomfort, curiosity, something else?

#### 2. Rebellion Time: See the Danger of Pride (vv. 1-14)

- Where do you see the temptation to “approach God on our own terms” show up in people today, or in yourself?

#### 3. Judgment Time: Felt the Weight of God’s Holiness (vv. 16-35)

- If you were standing in the middle of this scene, what do you think would be hardest to understand or make sense of in the moment?
- What does that tension reveal about how we naturally think about God, ourselves, and justice?

#### 4. Salvation Time: Watch God Provide (vv. 22, 36-40)

- What does it reveal about us that God provides someone to stand between us and Him?
- What does that suggest about how seriously God takes the gap between us and Him?

#### 5. The Real Problem: The Human Heart (vv. 41-48)

- What does the repeated pattern of complaint in this chapter show about what’s actually going on beneath the surface?

#### 6. Jesus: The Great Mediator

- What does Aaron’s role here leave us still needing that only Jesus can complete?

#### 7. Take Time to Pray

