

**Discussion Guide -- “Whine, Whine, Whine!”
Week of April 8, 2018**

Read Numbers 11:1-17; 1 Peter 5:6-9

- Why were *the people* complaining? Was this a valid complaint? How did God respond to their complaint (Numbers 11:1)?
- Was Moses complaining too (Numbers 11:10-15)? Why? Was his a valid “complaint”? How did God respond to his “complaint” (Numbers 11:16-17)?
- Why did God get mad when the people complained but not when Moses complained? What was the difference?
- What was God’s solution to Moses’ problem? I suppose you can look at God’s solution from (1) the perspective of Moses and from (2) the perspective of the people. What might have been God’s message to Moses? What might have been God’s message to the people?
- The New Testament says we are not to complain (Philippians 2:14), but are instead to take our “problems” to God in prayer (1 Peter 5:6-9). What is the difference between “complaining” and taking our problems to God in prayer? Why does God like the one but not the other?
- 1 Peter 5:6-8, talks about (1) being humble before God, then about (2) taking our worries and cares to God, then about (3) watching out for the devil. What is the connection between all of these? Why would the Bible tie them all together in the same basic passage? How does this relate to the topic of “complaining?” What lesson should we learn from this?