

Community group questions
Numbers 13 & 14; book of Joshua

Opening question: Share some experiences that have helped you in your job, or as a parent or to better understand others in a similar situation.

Scripture study

- Read Numbers 13:1-2, 17-20, 26-33. What gets in the way of taking what God wanted to give them? What is the marked difference between Caleb and the other spies? When it comes to perspective on tough situations, are you more like Caleb (and Joshua) or the other 10 spies? What is needed to have Caleb's perspective on things?
- Read Numbers 14:1-9. How do we see the effects of negativity and unbelief on others? How do Caleb and Joshua's words address the heart of the matter? In what ways can fear keep us from obedience? How do we overcome it?
- Read Numbers 14:20-23, 32-35. What are the consequences of their unbelief and disobedience? What purpose can Israel's experience have on us today (see I Corinthians 10:6-13 & Hebrews 3:12-19)?
- Read Joshua 21:43-45. How do these verses relate to the storyline so far? From what you know of the book of Joshua, how did God get them to the Promised Land? What events in Joshua stand out to you (in chapters 1-6)? Read Hebrews 4:1-11. What is the spiritual rest still offered today? How is it that some can be close to entering it, but not quite obtain it?
- Personal application: What one area do you need to enter to take what you know God wants for you?