

When the Fear is Real

Insights on Numbers 13-14

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3 Steps to blowing it big time...

(Numbers 13-14)

- Know God's word...
- Have great reasons...
- Choose to go with...

How do we get back to the Promised Land?

(Numbers 13:30, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, Isaiah 55:8-9, Proverbs 3:5-6)

1. Don't just trust God with your _____;
trust him _____.

2. Faith is found when the road is _____
and the fear _____.

3. Step in to _____ when others
are struggling in their faith.

Warning...

- Given enough time...

This weeks discussion guide:

Welcome to the last week of our Small Group Session!

It has been our prayer as a church that as you have connected in small groups this quarter you have seen the Holy Spirit work in your life and the lives of the other members of your group. We are not having "formalized" small groups during the summer months, but let us encourage you to be actively involved in the life of the church through our "slice of life" ministry opportunities that are being offered. Also, get together with your small group for park days, bbq's, or beach days! We will resume with our small groups in the fall.

Getting Started:

1. Part of being in a small group is to celebrate spiritual victories together. As you look back over the past few weeks is there anything we can glorify God for in your life? Was there any steps of faith you have taken that we can celebrate together? Any acts of obedience to celebrate? Remember, small groups are a great place to share hurts and pains, but also encouragement as we step out in faith by sharing our faith with others.
2. As you look back over this past quarter, how have you seen God grow you or move in your life? What is something you have learned about God that has impacted you?

Quick Review: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Digging Deeper:

1. A lot can be learned from following the life of Moses. Throughout our Exodus series, we've seen Moses make serious mistakes, doubt himself, commit sin and get frustrated with God. Yet as we look closely at his life we see a person who walked closely with and was greatly used by God. Read through the following verses and jot down some of the highs and lows of Moses' interactions with God that point to Moses' character change over time.

- Exodus 2:11-12
- Exodus 4:10-17
- Exodus 5:22-23
- Exodus 14:10-14
- Exodus 32:30-32
- Exodus 33:12-17

How does God's continued use of Moses, despite his flaws, affirm or change how you think God may want to use you?

2. In Exodus 23 we see that God promised to deliver the land of Canaan into the hands of the Israelites. He told them who was dwelling in the land, and how he was going to go before the Israelites and drive out the enemy "little by little." At the command of God Moses sent the spies into the land, and when they got back their report (v.25-27) was exactly what God promised. Look at verse 28. This was a big hesitation. Why do you think the Israelites had such a hesitation when it came to fulfilling what God was leading them to?

What creates hesitation in us from fully leaning into and trusting God's word? How can we as followers of Jesus learn to trust and obey the Word of God more?

3. A lot of times when people come to faith in Jesus it is because there is a very real guarantee of heaven. In a way it is easy to trust God with our eternity, but as we see with the Israelites it is often hard to trust God in the moment. Read the following verses together:

- Isaiah 40:28-31
- Psalm 9:10
- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Proverbs 11:28

How do these verses encourage you to trust God not only with your eternity but with your present? How can you use these verses to encourage someone else this week to walk in trust?

Wrapping Up:

Based on last week's message and our discussion, is there any specific application that God might be prompting you to live out? As you live this out be ready to share some "success" stories with those who are close to you!

Take a few moments to take some prayer requests and spend some time praying for the other members in your group.