



Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, February 21, 2016

FAITH IN GOD: Numbers 13-14

1. Spend a little bit of time as a group summarizing the Biblical storyline from Genesis through Leviticus. Think especially about the following three questions:
 - What major events have shaped the storyline up to this point? Why?
 - What major characters have played a significant role? How so?
 - What promises has God made to His people? How has He worked to keep these promises viable?
2. Scan Numbers 13-14. (Of if you've not already, consider reading through the two chapters.) Summarize what is going on.
3. After the "scout team" explored the land of Canaan (13:1-25), they came back and gave a report of what they saw in Numbers 13:26-29. Read numbers 13:26-29. In the verses that follow we see two very different responses to this report:
 - Read Numbers 13:31-33 and Numbers 14:1-4. What sorts of things characterize this response? Explain your answer.
 - Now read Numbers 13:30 and Numbers 14:6-9. What sorts of things characterize the response of Caleb and Joshua? Explain your answer.
4. Now read Genesis 15:17-21 and Exodus 33:1-3. What do we learn here that should have influenced how the "negative/discouraged group" responded in Numbers 13-14?
5. What do we learn about the nature of faith-filled living in the response of Caleb and Joshua?
6. Do you know any "modern day Calebs" - people who come to mind when you think of faith-filled living today? How have you seen this sort of faith expressed in this person?
7. As a group, compile a list of Biblical promises that God makes to us. Choose one or two of these promises that stand out to you in a special way, and spend some time discussing what it looks like to live in light of that promise this coming week.
8. What excuses might we come up with, that can cause us to doubt these promises?
9. How does a big view of God and a firm hold on His promises help you to live by faith? How can you cultivate this mindset with your family, in your Community Group, and/or with other believers?