



# GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

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# NUMBERS

# 13-14

“IF THE LORD DELIGHTS IN US, HE WILL BRING US INTO THIS LAND AND GIVE IT TO US, A LAND THAT FLOWS WITH MILK AND HONEY.” -NUMBERS 14:8

## FROM THE TEXT

- THE BOOK OF NUMBERS TELLS HOW GOD’S PEOPLE TRAVEL FROM MOUNT SINAI TO THE BORDER OF THE PROMISED LAND. THEY REFUSE TO ENTER THE LAND AND GOD MAKES THEM WANDER THROUGH THE WILDERNESS FOR 40 YEARS UNTIL THE NEXT GENERATION IS READY TO ENTER. WHAT DOES THE OVER-ALL NARRATIVE OF THE BOOK TEACH US ABOUT GOD?
- GOD TELLS MOSES TO SEND SPIES REPRESENTING ALL TWELVE TRIBES INTO THE PROMISED LAND. DISCUSS THE SPIES FINDINGS IN NUMBERS 13:27-33 AND THE PEOPLE’S RESPONSE IN NUMBER 14:1-4. WHAT STANDS OUT IN THEIR FINDINGS AND RESPONSE?
- HOW DOES GOD RESPOND TO HIS PEOPLE? READ NUMBERS 14:11. WHAT IS GOD’S MAIN ISSUE WITH THE PEOPLE’S RESPONSE? READ NUMBERS 14:13-19. WHY DOES MOSES INTERCEDE FOR THE PEOPLE? HOW DOES MOSES APPEAL TO THE LORD?

## FROM THE SERMON

- ON SUNDAY WE HEARD OF GOD’S CONTINUOUS PROVISION FOR HIS PEOPLE FROM RESCUING THEM OUT OF EGYPT TO PROVIDING FOOD AND WATER IN THE DESERT. AFTER HEARING THE SPIES REPORT, DO THE PEOPLE RESPOND IN FEAR OR REBELLION? CONSIDER HEBREWS 3:17-18.
- NUMBERS 13-14 SHOWS US THE CONSEQUENCES OF REBELLION AND DISOBEDIENCE AGAINST GOD. WHAT ARE THESE CONSEQUENCES? HOW DO THEY COINCIDE WITH DISOBEDIENCE TO THE LORD IN YOUR OWN LIFE?
- CALEB AND JOSHUA SPY OUT THE LAND IN FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD’S PROMISES. WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF OBEDIENCE TO THE LORD THAT WE SEE HERE? HOW DO THEY COINCIDE WITH OBEYING THE LORD IN YOUR OWN LIFE?

## FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- THE MAJORITY OF THE SPIES AND THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL RESPONDED IN REBELLION TO GOD BECAUSE OF THEIR FEAR OF MAN. HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO FEAR IN YOUR OWN LIFE? DO YOU TRUST IN GOD’S PROVISION AND PROMISES? ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER WITH TIMES WHEN GOD HAS BEEN FAITHFUL IN YOUR LIFE DESPITE THE CHALLENGES AHEAD.
- THE PEOPLE RESPOND BY WANTING TO RETURN BACK TO SLAVERY IN EGYPT INSTEAD OF TRUSTING IN GOD’S PROMISES. WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS STORY ABOUT OUR OWN FLESH AND TEMPTATION TO RETURN BACK TO SLAVERY TO SIN WHEN WE LACK FAITH?
- WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO APPLY THIS WEEK AND HOW CAN WE HOLD EACH OTHER ACCOUNTABLE?

## PRAYER FOCUS

PRAY THAT WE WOULD RESPOND TO CHALLENGES WE SEE LIKE CALEB AND JOSHUA. THAT WE WOULD RESPOND WITH FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD FULFILLING HIS PROMISES IN OUR LIVES. BE THANKFUL LIKE PAUL SHOWS US IN PHILIPPIANS 1:3-6. PRAY WITH CONFIDENCE FOR THE WORK THE LORD IS DOING IN YOUR LIFE THAT HE WILL BRING IT TO COMPLETION FOR YOUR GOOD AND HIS GLORY.