

Series: NEW TERRITORY

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Message: All About Your Perspective

Text: Numbers 13:26-14:9

DIGGING DEEPER GUIDE

BIG IDEA: LEAD WITH COURAGE AND HOPE

Getting Started

Are you naturally more of an optimist or a pessimist? How does that perspective affect the people around you?

Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. What kind of report do you think the Israelites were expecting from the twelve leaders? How does that compare to the news they received?
2. What effect did the majority report have on the people? How did Caleb and Joshua feel?
3. With their history of victories (Exodus 7-15), why and how do you think Israel should be able to overcome the "giants" in the land?
4. Within reach of the Promised Land, the Israelites now pull back from their goal. Why do you think they do this? What role does fear play in this decision?
5. What is most challenging in your life right now? How has God helped you to overcome a difficult situation in the past? How can that help you now?
6. "Courage is not the absence of fear; it is the willingness to take action in spite of one's fear." How have you seen courage in action recently?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind today?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help us to see the difficult situations in our lives through your eyes. Give us courage and strength for each day. Help us to trust in your power to tackle the challenges in front of us. Amen.

Going Deeper: Read I Corinthians 16:13-14. Paul is giving instructions to the early Christian believers. How did they need courage and strength in the first century to live their faith?

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

"Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes and said to the entire Israelite assembly, 'The land we passed through and explored was exceedingly good. If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them.'" Numbers 14:6-9