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**CHAPTERS: Numbers 13-14** 

## **Opening Questions:**

- a. Name a something you are fearful to try because it seems impossible to do.
- b. Is there a period of time that most people romanticize about in their life? If so, what?
- c. If you could intercede on behalf of a person or situation, who or what would it be?
- d. Have you ever tried to "undo" a mistake or "right a wrong?" How did it turn out?

## **Discussion Questions:**

## **Chapter: Numbers 13**

- 1. Who are the spies Moses sent to spy the land? Is there any significance?
- 2. Why does Moses ask the spies to evaluate both the people and the land (verses 18–20) Does this indicate a lack a faith?
- 3. What evidence do the spies provide? Should that have brought comfort to Moses and the Israelites?
- 4. What significance might there be in the fact that the spies explored the land "from the Desert of Zin to Rehob?" (verse 21)?
- 5. How long was the exploration? Do you think the time influenced the spies' reports?
- 6. Compare the reports of the 10 spies versus Caleb and Joshua's. Were the reports objectively accurate?
- 7. What underlying beliefs or assumptions caused the 10 spies to interpret the same evidence differently?

8. Why do you think fear had more persuasive power over the people than God's past acts of deliverance?

## Chapter 14

- 9. Does the Israelites' desire to return to Egypt (verses 3–4) reveal a deeper spiritual issue than simple fear of the Canaanites?
- 10. Do you think the people have beef with Moses or God? (verses 1-4)
- 11. Describe the reactions of Moses, Aaron, Caleb, and Joshua in verses 5-9.
- 12. Why do you think the people reacted so violently toward Moses, Aaron, Joshua, and Caleb when confronted with truth? (*John 3:19-20*) How does God respond?
- 13. Do you think God view's the Israelites unbelief as a deeper offense than fear or disobedience? (*Hebrews 3:12-19*)
- 14. Moses has appealed to God's reputation amongst the nations before (verses 13-16). What does he hope this reminder does to God?
- 15. Do you think God's judgment was fair? Merciful? Harsh? Given the context, defend your answer.
- 16. What traits of Caleb's attitude and faith set him apart from the generation that rebelled? (2 Tim. 1:7)
- 17. Moses warns that going into battle without God's presence guarantees defeat. Why is enthusiasm or effort useless without obedience? (*John 15:5, Prov. 14:12*)
- 18. The chapter ends with Israel moving without God's presence and experiencing defeat. How can you discern, in your daily choices, whether you are moving with God or simply moving on your own momentum?