

Personal weekly Bible readings to go deeper into Scripture.

Memory Verse: Joshua 24:15b

Day 1—Chapter 7 of “The Story”

Day 2—Joshua 1-2

Day 3—Joshua 6-8

Day 4—Joshua 10-11

Day 5—Joshua 23-24

Questions to consider while reading the Bible:

Is there an example to follow?

Is there a sin to avoid?

Is there a promise to rely on?

Is there a command to obey?

Is there a challenge in which to respond?



The Story: Wandering

October 20-21

*“The Story” Chapter 6; Numbers 13:27-28, 30-31, 14:20-23,
Deuteronomy 30:19-20*

Please use this space to take notes during the message today.



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. Numbers 14:8

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Adult and teen small group discussion points

Please use these discussion questions in your small group or with your teens.

1. How would you classify your teen years and early 20's: Rebellious and wild? Compliant and obedient? Somewhere in between?
2. When have you felt overburdened like Moses did? When have your burdens caused you to question God's goodness? How might Moses' honest conversation with God help you handle heavy burdens in the future?
3. The ten men who spied out the land let their minds and eyes focus on the obstacles (Numbers 13:26, "The Story" p. 75). What are ways we can be frozen by fear and fixate on the obstacles rather than the God who can help us overcome them?
4. Israel believed the report of the faithless spies out of fear. What do you think was the cause of their consistent lack of faith and trust?
5. Israel's rebellion led to a 40-year punishment and kept an entire generation from seeing the Promised Land. Describe some ways that God might help us recalculate our life direction and get back on track when we are wondering. How might you minister to someone whose life choices resulted in irrevocable consequences?
6. Moses is described as a "very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth." (p. 59) What examples from his life illustrate this? How would you rate your humility level? (Yes, this is trick question).
7. Despite his years of service, Moses' disobedience kept him from entering the Promised Land. What did Moses do wrong? Do you agree with the punishment? What does this teach you about God's expectations for leadership?
8. Moses charged Israel with passing the commandments down to their children. What is your role in teaching the next generation? What are some practical ways you can serve as a parent, grandparent or mentor?
9. Carefully reread Moses' farewell message (p. 68-71). How does he emphasize God's upper story of redemption?
10. What will help us hear and respond more quickly when the Lord is seeking to lead us? What is one area of your life where you would like to be more responsive to God's leading and how can your group members support you in this?



Pray together.

Family's with kids discussion points

Please use these discussion questions with your children.

Key Verse: [Joshua and Caleb] said, "If the Lord is pleased with us, he'll lead us into that land. ...He'll give it to us." —Numbers 14:8

1. Do you have a place where you like to explore or ride your bike? If so, where is it or where do you go? What makes this place special to you?
2. When was the last time you got something that you wanted really badly? What was that something? What made you want it so much? Did you thank God for it?
3. Why were Joshua and Caleb so confident they could defeat people who were bigger than they were and lived in strong cities?
4. Were the other 10 spies focused more on God or on the situations? By focusing on earthly things, the 10 spies were too scared to trust God. What are some things in your life that scare you?
5. Does your fear ever keep you from doing something you want to?
6. The Israelites chose to listen to the 10 fearful spies, instead of Joshua and Caleb who trusted God. Because of that, they missed out on the fruits of God's promises. What does this story teach us about our own lives and choices?

Pray together: Dear God, thank you for always keeping your promises, especially your promise to forgive us for Jesus' sake. Fill us with your Spirit and help us to trust in you for all things. In Jesus' name, Amen.

