

RUNNING WITH GIANTS #1

Life Group Notes



CONNECT QUESTIONS

Pick something out of your pocket or purse and share with the group why it's important to you.?

If you could choose your age forever, what age would you choose and why?

Numbers 14:24 ^(NIV) But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.

So, who was Caleb?

Caleb was the son of Jephunneh (Jeff-u-nah) and he was head of the tribe of Judah—interestingly, the same tribe as David and Jesus.

Israel had been out of Egypt about 2 years when they arrived at the entrance to Canaan where, instead of taking God at His Word and proceeding to possess their inheritance, they instead asked for a report from twelve spies.

In Numbers 13 Moses chose 12 men who were leaders in their tribes. Caleb and Joshua, along with 10 other men, were sent into Canaan to see if the land was good or bad, what the cities were like, what the people were like; basically, to find out whether the land that God had promised them was even worth fighting for.

The spies went up to the land as instructed and explored it for 40 days and then returned to the Israelites. Then they gave Moses this account:

Read together **Numbers 13:27-33**. What stands out to you about Caleb & Joshua's report? All twelve spies were Israelites, leaders of their clans, and had grown up in Egypt. Why do you think Caleb and Joshua were able to think so differently from their counterparts?

In Caleb's world, the majority were walking by sight; the minority were walking by faith. That seems to be the case so often in our world too does it not?

What do we see each day? How do we describe it? Do we see it through eyes of faith remembering what God has said will be even if what's in front of us doesn't look like it?

As a person of faith, you will often be in the minority. What are some keys to remaining faith-filled instead of being pulled into the 'group majority think' or being discouraged?

Check out **Numbers 14:6-9**. Caleb was able to quieten the people and bring his words of faith. How can we bring similar words of faith/encouragement to the people around us today?

Check out **Numbers 14: 28-30**. Caleb was sure of his promise and his inheritance! What promises do you believe God has given you? How can you hold on to these no matter what you are facing?

PRAYER

Thank God for his faithfulness – His word never fails!

Pray for one another to be strong in faith, and to be able to share faith with those around them

Pray for the courage to speak FAITH instead of fear!