



# PROMISED LAND

## SESSION SNAPSHOT

FALSE EVIDENCE APPEARING REAL

### NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

Numbers 13:17-33; 14:1-9

### GOSPEL FOCUS:

2 Corinthians 5:7

### TAKEAWAYS:

- Walk by faith, not by fear
- Respond to God with obedience, regardless of how scary it may seem

### LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Leviticus 23
- Leviticus 26
- Numbers 11-12
- Numbers 13-14
- Numbers 16-17

## STUDY THE WORD

***When is a time you've seen someone's attitude be contagious to everyone around them, whether it was positive or negative?***

***From what you've read of the Old Testament so far, what are some of the things that the Israelites have already seen God do?***

***Why do you think that they doubted God's ability to deliver on His promise about this land?***

***Why do you think that doubting is sometimes easier than having faith?***

***What is something (or a few things) that you've seen the Lord do in your own life?***

***Why is it important to take time out to remember what He's done?***

***In 14:4, the people plan to head back to slavery in Egypt. Why do you think this felt like a viable option for them?***

***Why is it so tempting to go back to things that held us captive rather than move forward into freedom?***

***When is a time you've had to step out in faith and do something you were uncomfortable with?***

***How did God see you through that situation? How did it turn out?***

***Tell about a situation in your life that felt insurmountable, but which God saw you through.***

***Are you in the middle of a situation like this right now?***

***How does remembering what God has done for you (and for others) help you deal with situations like that?***

## APPLY THE WORD

If you are a believer who is walking by the Spirit, you are going to be called to step out of your comfort zone, even if it is just for something small. These situations can be like what the Israelites were facing in this moment: will you succumb to the fear (however real the fear may be) or will you trust in the God who called you?

Perhaps you feel as though you've never been asked to step out in faith, into a realm where you're fearful. That's okay, too. It may be that you haven't made yourself available for it yet. What you will find is that situations exactly like those are the ones where you will feel your Lord most strongly.

***Write down a current situation that is your "Canaan." What giants are keeping you from stepping out with faith into God's promise?***

***Pray for an opportunity to share what God has seen you through with someone who needs to hear it and be encouraged in it this week.***

## PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

***Next Week's Reading:***

- ***Numbers 20; 27:12-23***
- ***Numbers 34-35***
- ***Deuteronomy 1-2***
- ***Deuteronomy 3-4***
- ***Deuteronomy 6-7***