

5. What about your identity in Christ gives you courage to face difficult circumstances?

SERIES: Promised Land (Gospel Project)

SERMON 1: "When Faith Fails"

TEXT: Numbers 13:1-2,26-33; 14:1-20

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6. How can we have a healthy respect for leadership without becoming cynical or following them blindly?

**What goes into this epic failure to apply _____
at a crucial decision point?**

1. They shifted focus from the _____ to the problems.

7. What difference does it make when we make tough or challenging decisions without putting God into the equation?

2. They refused to understand the _____.

8. What practical or helpful insight did you get from any of the gospel applications at the end of the sermon?

3. They forgot their _____.

4. They _____ followed faithless leaders.

5. They left _____ out of the equation.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. When do you find it easiest for your feelings and fears to overwhelm your faith?
3. Read Numbers 13:1-2,26-33 and 14:1-10. If you were trying to help the Israelites focus on the promises instead of on the problems, what would say?
4. The Israelites refused to understand the promises. They wanted the promises to come easy. Why do people so often think that following Christ should make life easier in spite of his persistent warnings that following him will be hard?

Family Discussion Questions:

1. Why did the Israelites fail to believe and follow Caleb and Joshua's advice?
2. What are courageous decisions you need to make each day?
3. How can you learn to be more courageous when facing scary decisions?

CHRIST CONNECTION

God's people failed to trust the Lord and faced 40 years of wandering. When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days, he remained faithful. Through his obedience, he became the representative who pleads for us before the Lord.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Whom can we trust?