

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of October 16-22, 2022

“CALEB: FROM PIONEER TO PROMISE POSSESSOR”

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Can you recall the time you joined Living Word NRA? What was your experience like?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read ahead JOSHUA 14:6-14.

1. Based on the spies' report (Numbers 13:26-33), do you consider the fears of the people valid (Numbers 14:1-4)? What kind of a report do you think the people were expecting? With their history of victories (cf Exodus 7-15), why do you think they were afraid?
2. Have you ever been in a situation that is like the situation the Israelites were in (cf Numbers 13-14) – that is, a situation in which you know what God is asking you to do, but you do not want to do it?
3. Based on his words and actions, what can you deduce about Caleb's character? What quality of his character inspires you the most or would you most want to emulate? Why?
4. Read Joshua 14:12 from several translations. Do you find Caleb boastful in his words? Do you think he was overconfident? Why do you think he claimed the hill country of Hebron for his inheritance? How can a strong leader be truly humble?
5. Considering that he is elderly and ready to launch a new adventure with the Lord, what does this teach us about living by faith in the midst of life's changing circumstances?
6. Is waiting hard for you? Why or why not? Are you willing to wait years for God's promise to come true? Even more, are you willing to give God the glory while you wait? What should you do as you wait for the fulfillment of his promises in your life?

7. Caleb is known as a man who wholeheartedly followed God. What would it mean for you to follow God wholeheartedly at this stage in your life? What would need to continue, and what might need to change? How will you do that? How can your small group or others support and pray for you?

8. NEXT STEPS

Faith is a deep and settled conviction of who God is!

- Just like Caleb, I will look back, look around, and look ahead of what God is doing in my life.
- I will wholeheartedly follow and serve God.
- I will courageously accept God's call.
- I will remember God's track record in my life.
- God is my greatest blessing and I will share him to those in need of his grace.

Don't forget to:

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Praise God for the great things he has done in your life and in the church.
- Pray for a heart that wholeheartedly follows God.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

October 17 Joshua 14:6-14
October 18 Matthew 14:22-33
October 19 Joshua 1:1-9
October 20 Luke 22:14-23
October 21 Numbers 13:26-32; 14:20-24
October 22 Matthew 7:7-12
October 23 Judges 6:11-23