



January 31, 2016

Warm Up

- Tell us about one of your favorite games when you were a child. Why do you think you liked it so much?
- Do you like speaking in public? Why or why not?
- If you could retire anywhere, where would you go? Why?

Into The Bible

“So give me the hill country that the Lord promised me. You will remember that as scouts we found the descendants of Anak living there in great, walled towns. But if the Lord is with me, I will drive them out of the land, just as the Lord said.” (Joshua 14:12, NLT)

Caleb was one of the men sent to spy out the Promised Land. Despite the fortified cities and giants that stood in their way, Caleb knew in his heart that God would be with them to help them conquer the land—as He had promised. Caleb wholly trusted God’s promise and he had unwavering faith until the end, even when almost everyone else had lost all hope. In this lesson, we will look at how we can have faith like Caleb’s, so we can conquer the giants in our own lives.

- The Bible says that Caleb had a different spirit (Numbers 14:24). We can have a spirit like everyone else’s, or we can have a different Spirit—God’s. We can see things the way everyone else does, or we can see things the way God does. Talk about ways to see your situation through God’s perspective.
- Caleb did not just partially commit Himself to the Lord. Even when the situation was causing many to fear, he wholly followed the Lord, as God intended him to do (Joshua 14:8). Talk about what 2016 would like if followed God wholeheartedly as individuals, families and as a church.
- Caleb did not forget God’s promises, even when it took decades for these to be fulfilled. Instead, he took hold of them by faith (Joshua 14:14). Talk about what it means to wait on God’s promises.

Application

In what area of your life do you need God’s perspective? How can you see your situation the way He sees it, and the way He wants you to see it?

What’s one thing you can do this week to follow God more closely? What promise from God are you waiting for Him to fulfill?

Prayer Focus : Pray for our upcoming series on marriage “The Knot”. Pray for our leaders.

Honor God. Make Disciples: "Write down ONE name of someone you know who doesn't know Jesus. Commit to praying for that person and sharing the gospel with them. Tell someone in your Small Group the name you write down and hold each other accountable to your commitment.