

Small Group Questions

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Have you ever started out strong in a job, on a project, or a commitment and then fizzled? What was it? Why did you fizzle? Did you ever finish?

LOOKING BACK

It is easy when there is a lot of excitement and emotion to be engaged and energized about a job, project or faith. What about when things aren't going that well? What about when opposition arises? How strong are we then? Doesn't it take someone of special faith and remarkable character to press through to become a story for the history books? Maybe not.

We are on the last few teachings from the book of Joshua. On Sunday, we focused on a character named Caleb. We don't know a lot about him, but what we do know, we like because it is inspiring. From what we do know from the first 6 books of the Bible, there is nothing in his background that makes him a hero. Yet, his was a life upon which God had placed His purposes in unmistakable ways. And that is encouraging for all of us. We don't have to be a celebrity or a hero to possess the tomorrows God has for us!

DIGGING DEEPER

Verse: Joshua 14:6-15

In verse 9, Caleb says, "I have followed the Lord wholeheartedly." And he was still going strong at age 85.

2. Is there anything you currently do wholeheartedly- a sport, a hobby, a cause, etc.? What does it look like to do something wholeheartedly? What *doesn't* it look like? Are there any characteristics of Caleb's life you desire for yourself and your family?

Caleb was honest about the size of the challenge (see Numbers 13:30), but he made a faith commitment to trust God anyway despite the challenge. Faith is seeing God in the middle of every perspective of life.

3. What goals (spiritual or other) has God given you? What challenges are you currently facing to reach them? How might fear of faith play a part in you seizing those goals or not? Does your memory of God's past help affect the way you face what's in front of you?

TAKING IT HOME

No matter how old you are, or whatever your station in life is; ask yourself these questions:

4. Like Caleb, what would it take for you to follow God wholeheartedly today? What would it take for the next 5 years to be the best 5 years of your life with God? Share with your small group.

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- **SUNDAY GATHERING TIMES** *Our Sunday Gatherings now begin at 9, 10:30 and 12:30. There is a lunch served between the 2nd and 3rd gatherings.*
 - **ONE BIG DAY** *Sunday, May 29 is going to be ONE BIG DAY at Peoples Church! We will have ONE BIG GATHERING time at 10.30a- Classic (GLJ Chapel), Contemporary (Auditorium), IPC (SMC Main), Encounter (FCS Gym), and a Family gathering (PC Gym). Baptisms will take place right after the gathering. Join us for free a free burger and hotdog lunch and cheer on those who are being baptized.*
 - **Wednesday Nights** *Join us at Peoples Church for our ongoing classes and Bible Studies for adults, women, men, youth and children on Wednesday nights at 7p*