

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Message Series: LAUNCH: an Inside Out Series
Message Title: Space Exploration
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UP NEXT

- **ATTENTION ALL LIFE GROUPS - Please RSVP if you DO NOT plan on providing a trunk for the Bash.**
- Each Life Group is highly encouraged to participate in the Halloween Bash on Saturday, October 29th from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. We are asking each Life Group to come up with a themed “trunk” complete with games and candy for the many kids that will show up. If your group cannot supply a trunk we are also in need of 15-20 volunteers. To volunteer please email roger.graber@reality.church.

MAIN IDEA

If we don't take the risk, we will miss the opportunity.

INTRODUCTION

- We first meet Joshua in Scripture as Israel's general and then as the servant of Moses. He would eventually succeed Moses and lead Israel into the Promised Land.
- Upon reaching the entrance to the Promised Land, Israel sent 12 spies in to report on their ability to “take” the land. The twelve spies travelled about 500 miles during the forty days of their survey. They discovered nothing they already didn't know from what God had revealed to them.
- Ten of the spies, upon seeing the large inhabitants of the land, did not believe they would be able to conquer. Only two spies believed God would provide a way for them to conquer (Joshua & Caleb).
- The spies' survey of Canaan may have been a good idea from a military point of view, but not from a spiritual point of view. God had already given them the land and had commanded them to go in and take it. He had already promised them victory (Numbers 10:33-36). They needed only to “trust and obey”. They needed to have faith.
- Instead of faith, based on the spies' report, Israel doubted that God was able to keep His promises and give them the land. They would therefore ‘wander’ around the wilderness for 40 years (one year for every day the spies travelled the land).

DISCUSSION

- Does anyone find themselves in a position where you have an opportunity to take a BIG risk? (new job opportunity, schooling, marriage, children, etc.)
- Multiple Choice: When life gives you those really big decisions how do you normally hear from God?
 - A. I very clearly hear from God through _____ (*others, Bible, inner sense, etc*).
 - B. God seems silent, therefore allowing me to choose.

- We are continually faced with several difficult decisions in life. John Gardner has said, “*We are continually faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems.*”

- What does this quote mean to you?
- How can we use this truth in our spiritual walk with God?

QUOTE

“Drama is a sign of a small life that is all about you.”

Lance Burch

- Have someone read [\(Numbers 14: 1-4\)](#)
 - What were the Hebrew people complaining about?
 - Explain a time when you were in a leadership position when those you were leading just didn't want to go where you were leading them?
 - Truth: Sometimes mediocrity feels safer & better than charging after the unknown.
- Have someone read [\(Numbers 14:5-9\)](#)
 - Why do you think Joshua & Caleb could sound so confident in the midst of uncertainty?
- Have someone read [\(Numbers 14:26-30\)](#)
 - Why would God punish the Hebrew people for not having faith?
 - Have someone read [\(Hebrews 11:6\)](#)
- In light of the above story from Scripture, do you agree with the statement, *"If we don't take the risk we miss the opportunity."*
 - If not, why not?
- Someone might ask the question, *"So God won't bless me if I don't commit to the Inside Out Project?"*
 - How would you respond?
 - Reality Church would respond with, *"God has already greatly blessed us all. Our commitment to the Inside Out Project should be in response to God's blessing on our life, not in search of His blessing on our life."*

• **DISCLAIMER**

- Reality Church does not believe the new building space is *God's Promised Land* to us. When we get in that building we will still need God to lead us. We are not using this Old Testament story as an analogy for entering "our" promised land. Further, we are not saying that if for some reason we do not get to build out the building will we 'wander' around lost for 40 years. What we are illustrating is the same level of faith that God was expecting from the nation of Israel so long ago is the same level of faith He is wanting us to demonstrate in our everyday lives including this building project.

APPLY IT

- Continue to pray regarding your involvement in LAUNCH.

NEXT STEPS

- Take a Commitment Card and return it next Sunday during Commitment Sunday
- Visit reality.church/launch for more information