

# Sermon Discussion Questions

God Is Relational - You Are Not A Grasshopper – Ryan Finney

7 June 2026

Sermon Text: Numbers 13:1-3, 25-33

## AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Relational Time – 20-30 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

## RELATIONAL TIME (20-30 min)

Have everyone in the group use one word to describe how they feel **physically**, **emotionally**, **mentally**, and **spiritually**. (Physically I feel \_\_\_\_\_. Emotionally I feel \_\_\_\_\_. ...)

Have each person expand on one of the ways they are feeling by using the **IFAB** method: “**I** feel \_\_\_\_\_ **a**bout \_\_\_\_\_ **b**ecause \_\_\_\_\_.” (For example, “**I** feel *frustrated* **a**bout *the sudden change of plans* **b**ecause *I rearranged my schedule for a different time.*”)

## MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

Have you ever let fear talk you out of something God was calling you into? Sometimes the loudest voice in our lives isn't God's voice, it's the words spoken over us years ago. Words that became beliefs. Beliefs that became limitations. And limitations that keep us standing outside the very promises God has prepared for us. This week, Ryan Finney explores a powerful biblical story of a promise delayed not because God failed, but because fear convinced people they weren't capable of receiving what He had already given them. Join us as we discover how God is not only concerned with where you're going but who you're becoming along the way in the message, **You Are Not A Grasshopper**.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to pray this prayer: “God, what are you calling me into?” How did He respond? Did He reveal something specific He is calling you into?
2. What is something that jumped out at you from the message this week?
3. What voices have most shaped the way you see yourself? Looking back, what messages—positive or negative—have had the biggest impact on your identity? How have those voices affected your relationship with God and others?
4. The spies all saw the same land, but they brought back different reports. Why? The sermon pointed out that the difference wasn't the size of the giants but the story the spies believed about themselves and about God. What "giants" are you facing right now, and what story are you tempted to believe about them?

## Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What would you like to be known or remembered for?
2. What skill do you think everyone should have?
3. Have you ever met a celebrity? Who was it and where was it?

5. Fear asks, "Am I enough?" Faith asks, "Is God faithful?" Which of those questions do you find yourself asking more often? Share a situation where focusing on God's faithfulness changed (or could change) your perspective.

6. Who has strengthened your faith? The sermon highlighted how faith can be contagious and how the faithfulness of others helps form us. Is there someone whose trust in God has encouraged you during a difficult season? How did their example impact you?

7. What do you sense God might be saying over your life today? What truth from God do you need to hear and believe in this season?

### **APPLICATION**

Spend some time in reflection this week and complete these sentences. Share with your group so they can pray with you.

"One lie I want to stop agreeing with is \_\_\_\_\_.

One truth I believe God is speaking over me is \_\_\_\_\_."

### **COMING UP**

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can also be found in all three locations.

**Child Dedications**, 14 June, 10:00 am, Antioch Middle School, 2100 NE 65th St, Gladstone, MO.

Register at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+b3dwdjd>

**Kids Camp**, 10-2, 8-10 July. Kids ages 4 through outgoing 5th Graders are invited to attend Kids Camp this summer at PowerPlay. Kids will learn about God while having fun with their friends. Camp cost is \$75 and includes a T-shirt, lunch, and an hour of play each day.

Register at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+7cr4cdt>

Volunteer at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+mffwbx9>

**The PRESS Summer Youth Retreat**, 21-24 July, BOLD conference in KC. Retreat cost is \$350 and is for incoming 6th graders - graduating 12th graders welcome! BOLD is a powerful gathering of students from across the nation who are passionate about pursuing God. Over four days, students will experience passionate worship, impactful messages, powerful moments of prayer, and opportunities to grow deeper in their faith alongside thousands of other young people.

Register at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+sck84cc>

### **FINAL THOUGHT**

**For God has not given us a Spirit of fear,  
but of power and of love and of a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)**