

Sunday, June 30, 2019
Pioneers in New Territory
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Care Group Discussion Guide

Celebration Church

Key Text: Numbers 13:25-14:4

1. The Spies
 - a. The names of the spies testified to the goodness and sovereignty of God.
 - i. Shammua means “Renown.”
 - ii. Shaphat means “Judged.” He was the Prince or Governor of Simeon.
 - iii. Caleb means “faithful or devoted.”
 - iv. Igal means “He Redeems.”
 - v. Joshua means “Salvation.”
 - vi. Palti means “My Deliverance.”
 - vii. Gaddiel means “God is my fortune.”
 - viii. Gaddi means “To Stand Out.”
 - ix. Ammiel means “My Kinsman is God.”
 - x. Sethur means “Secret.”
 - xi. Nahbi means “Hidden.”
 - xii. Geuel means “Majesty of God.”
 - b. The spies were pioneers who settled new territory.
2. Instructions to the Spies: Keys to Entering a New Territory
 - a. See what the land is like.
 - i. Take ownership of the place that God has called you to inhabit.
 - ii. The place that God has sent you may not look the way you think it should, but God still called you there.
 - b. See whether the people who live there are strong or weak.
 - i. The giants in the land don’t matter when you are focused on the place that God has called you to inhabit.
 - ii. God will deliver you from the giants if you just move out in obedience.
 - c. See whether the people are few or many.
 - i. Are the people for you or against you?
 - ii. Paul questioned the Ephesians to see what they believed (Acts 19:1-5).
 - d. Is the land good or bad?
 - i. Take inventory of what you need.
 - ii. What will it take to multiply the little that you have?
 - e. Are the cities like open camps or fortifications?
 - i. Are the people free roaming or permanent residents?

- ii. Free roaming people are like church hoppers who are not rooted in one place.
- 1. They are like leaves that are blown by every wind of doctrine or current fad.
- 2. They want an easy life, but being a pioneer is not easy.
- f. Is the land fat or lean?
 - i. Are there nutrients in the land?
 - ii. God will help you in times of hardship.
- g. Are there trees or not?
 - i. Trees have roots that go down deep into the soil.
 - ii. We need to be rooted in the place that God has called us to inhabit.
- h. Bring back some fruit.
 - i. Show your fruit.
 - ii. Let others see what God has called you to do.
- 3. If you are listening to naysayers, you are not in the promised land.
 - a. Naysayers are people who are still in bondage.