



WEEK APR 11 - APR 17

MAIN IDEA

Entering new territory by faith.

CHECK IN (HIGHS & LOWS) 15 min

A great, quick way to catch the highlights of what is happening in the lives of the people in your group is to take turns quickly sharing the “highs & lows” of your week. High: What was the highlight of your week? Low: What was the low point of your week?

SETTLE IN (ICE BREAKER) 10 min

1. Start your time with open prayer. Set a timer for five minutes and leave it open for anyone to pray for what’s on their mind. Here are some potential topics:
 - For us to open our hearts to where God wants to lead us
 - For our group to support one another in the journey of faith
 - For you to act in obedience where God is leading
2. What is the biggest risk you’ve ever taken? Tell us about it.

LOOK IN (OBSERVATION) 15 min

1. Read Numbers 13:1-3, 25-32. The people of God were called to a place God has promised them (the promised land). When there was an opportunity to enter, what happened?
2. Do their concerns seem unreasonable? Why or why not?
3. Read Numbers 14:13-38. What do you notice about this story?

4. What was the result of Israel’s faithlessness?
5. Read Joshua 3. What do you notice from this passage?
6. What did Israel get to experience under the leadership of Joshua (one of the faithful spies)?

LOOK UP (UNDERSTANDING) 20 min

1. What thoughts/emotions were driving the decisions of the Israelites?
2. Can you relate to that? Why or why not?
3. How could the Israelites have experienced all those miracles and yet still let fear keep them from acting in faith?
4. We all would like to think that we wouldn’t be that way, but if we reflect we can probably see moments we acted the same as the Israelites. What are some of your reflections from those moments in your life?
5. Can you imagine the joy of the Israelites under Joshua? How do you imagine that moment of finally entering the promised land might have been like?
6. Read Revelation 3:14-22. Moments of lukewarm faith aren’t just an Old Testament problem. Where do you see Jesus rebuke the church of Laodicea?

GEAR UP (APPLICATION) 20 min

1. How could you avoid the mistakes of the Israelites that led to not acting in faith? What ingredients do you need to live a life full of faithful obedience?
2. Can you relate to the church in Laodicea?
3. Where might the Lord be calling you to live in faith during this season?

STEP UP (HOMEWORK) 5 min

1. Begin scheduling your three experiences (prayer, serve, and soul check-up). Put them on the calendar and join together in experiencing God, rich community, and impact.
2. Start a new Bible reading plan together. We recommend the Psalms or the book of Acts.