

## Week 1. Be Encouraged By God's Faithfulness

- Do you see a glass as half full or half empty?
- Read Numbers 13:1-3, 17-20, 25-28 & 30-33
- Who did God tell Moses to send out to look at the land of Canaan?
- Why do you think he asked Moses to send leaders from each of the tribes?
- What might this teach us about leadership?
- When the men came back what was in their report?
- Why did Caleb stand out from the others?
- How does what you see influence your decision making?
- What did Caleb see that the others had not seen?

**The decision taken to follow the majority's bad report led to the bitter consequence of wandering in the desert wilderness until the unbelieving generation had died.**

- How do you make 'big' decisions?
- Have you ever been in a position where you have had to take a risk as the success of the venture was initially unclear?
- Where does 'God's will' fit into this?
- What might stop us from stepping out in faith when we have opportunities presented to us?
- How might our experience of faith help our decision making?
- What are the consequences of doubt
- Share any experiences you might have of trusting God with a big decision and seeing your prayers answered.
- Pray for each other to be encouraged by something (however small) in the coming week.



### Encouragement

**'The fusing of the Visible with the Invisible gives us a different way of looking at the world around us'**

[The Message p.213]

**Joshua was among the Leaders sent out by Moses along with Caleb. He later became Moses' successor and led the people into the promised land.**

**'The survey of the land may have been a good idea from a conventional 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 promised them victory, so all they had to do was "trust and obey." The Lord would go before them and scatter His enemies.... [however] doubt had turned into unbelief, and unbelief is rebellion against God.'**

[Be Counted : Warren Wiersbe : Victor Press :1999]

