

OPENING QUESTIONS

Can you think of a time when you demonstrated great courage to overcome a fear that you held inside? What happened? How did it happen?

READ TOGETHER

Read **1 Corinthians 10:1-13**. In light of this passage, why do you think the Old Testament stories are recorded for us?

BIG IDEA

Fear keeps us from experiencing God's best in life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Now read Deuteronomy 1:19-33 and let's focus in on this story together. What did Moses want the people of Israel to do in verses 19-21?
- 2) How did the Israelites respond in verse 22? What do you think of their response? Was it a good thing or bad thing? Why?
- 3) Read verses 23-25. What did the spies have to say after their spying out of the land? Was this helpful? Why or why not?
- 4) Read verses 26-28. How did the Israelites respond to the spies' report?
- 5) What did Moses do when he saw and heard the peoples' response to the spies' report? (verses 29-31)
- 6) What did the Israelites ultimately decide to do?
- 7) Are there ways in which you see yourself in this story? What are they?
- 8) Thinking back to what we read earlier in 1 Corinthians 10, what would you identify as the most important lesson of this story?
- 9) What does this story mean for you today? For those of us who call ourselves *RockPointe*?

CHALLENGE

This week commit to asking God to show you areas in which you need to be courageous to believe a promise He has made and to step out in faith.

PRAYER

Take time to pray as a group to ask the Holy Spirit for courage. Read Luke 11:11-13 before you pray together.

NEXT STEPS

You can apply and take this teaching deeper into your life by studying what Scripture says about God and His promises. Look up the following verses sometime this week and write a summary for each reference as to what it teaches us about God's promises.

Joshua 21:23

Isaiah 40:8

1 Kings 8:56

Matthew 24:35

Psalms 18:30

Luke 1:37

Psalms 33:4

2 Timothy 2:13

Proverbs 30:5

Hebrews 10:23