





START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP TALKING.

• What is something you fear? Snakes? Spiders? Speaking in public? Death? Heights? Why do you think that is?

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- Piper, a short film that premiered with Finding Dory, is a story about moving through our fears to find the joy on the other side.
- Read Numbers 13:17-20, 25-29
- The Israelites are on the cusp of moving into the Promised Land, fulfilling hundreds of years of prophecy.
- Is the land good? Are there any negative reports from the spies?

START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- Read Numbers 13:30-33
- Do all the spies agree it is hopeless? Who does not?
- They do not enter the Promised Land and spend 38 years one mile away, waiting for the stubborn generation to die. So close, yet so far away.
- Think of a time you were close to a goal. Did you go the final mile? Why did you? Did you give up? Why?
- The Israelites do eventually move in. Read Joshua 1:9.
- Joshua was the other spy, along with Caleb, who said they could take the land. One of the most repeated commands in Scripture is "do not be afraid."

START PRAYING I BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

Jesus, help us to know deep in our bones you are with us and there is no reason for us to fear. May we live each and every day living fully out of the gifts and talents and passions you have given us. May the way we live help other people find the flourishing life we have found in you. Amen.

START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

Learn more about the Promised Land in this 8-day devotional: https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/20675-from-the-desert-to-the-promised-land