

Into the Wild: How to Survive the Desert  
Numbers 13-14

Ice Breaker: Do you enjoy camping? Why or why not?

1. In your day-to-day life, do you tend to operate more out of faith or out of fear?
2. People have a natural tendency to exaggerate the size of their problems – like the Israelites calling the inhabitants of Canaan “giants.” Why do we do this, and what steps can we take to prevent doing so?
3. Pastor Brian said, “Faith makes everything possible but it does not make everything easy.” What is something in your life right now that is not easy?
4. Psalm 119:67 says, “Before I was afflicted, I went astray. But now I obey your word. Before I was afflicted, I wandered. But now that I am afflicted, God, I obey you.” How might God be using affliction in your life in a positive way?
5. James 1:2-4 reads like this, “Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” Practically speaking, how can we face trials with pure joy?
6. Pastor Brian said, “It is the nature of faith that it believes and rejoices in advance of the realization.” How does this differ from wishful thinking? How should we react if the realization doesn’t happen like we believed it would?
7. Somebody said, “Faith is going to the edge of all the light you have and then taking one more step.” What step of faith is God asking you to take in your life right now? How is He asking you to rely on Him? In what way does He want you to grow to become more like Jesus? How can you take just one more step this week?