

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Together, these elements provide space for reflection and prayer during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.

1. What is the Hebrew title for the book of Numbers? Why is this a better title?
2. In what way are we living in the wilderness just like the people of Israel before they reached the promised land? How have you experienced this wilderness in your own life?
3. What did the majority of the spies report about the promised land? Why does the Bible call this a "bad report" (Numbers 13.32)? What "bad reports" are you prone to believe?
4. What was the minority report from Caleb and Joshua? Why did the people rebel against them, against Moses, and ultimately against God?
5. In reference to the events of Numbers 13-14, the writer of Hebrews warns us, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." (Hebrews 3.15) What does it look like to hear His voice among the many "bad reports" that we hear every day?
6. Read Numbers 14.13-19. What promise did Moses pray on behalf of the people of Israel? What does it mean to hope in the promises of God?
7. Read Numbers 14.20-24. How did God keep His promises by showing both grace and judgment? What does this tell us about the character of God and the cross of Jesus Christ?