

Seacoast Church Small Group Questions

The Year of More

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Read

Numbers 13: 31–32; 14:3 and 14:44–45, 33:51–55; Deuteronomy 4:1; and John 10:10

Reflect

There is always a cost for settling for less. After 500 years, the Israelites finally stand on the cusp of the Promised Land. God tells them to take and possess all the land. But they stop short of what God promised and planned for them. In what ways are we doing the same?

Pastor Roy Jacques offers us several scenarios that can prevent us, like the Israelites, from possessing all that God has for us:

1. When sin takes us away from God.
 - a. As Pastor Greg often says, “blessing follows obedience.” Are there specific areas in your life that you know you aren’t showing obedience?
 1. What are you trying to keep away from God, or hoping he will overlook?
 - b. Do you find yourself making the same mistakes over again? How will you approach those issues differently in the new year?
2. When fear keeps us from pushing forward.
 - a. Think of a time when fear made you miss out on something. What might you have done differently?
 - b. All the Israelite scouts, except for Joshua and Caleb, let fear prevent them from recommending they take possession of all the land God had promised the nation. An 11-day journey turned into 40 years in the wilderness. Will you trust God this new year, even when you’re afraid?
 - c. When fear starts to immobilize you, identify your what ifs. Select Bible verses to help you combat those “what ifs”.
 - d. Are you letting past failures hinder you?
3. When impatience takes us ahead of God.
 - a. Have you ever given God an ultimatum? How did that turn out?
 - b. What decisions have you made without prayerfully taking them to God?
 - c. Have you taken time to heal before moving forward?
 - d. Take stock of how obedient you are being with what God has already given you.
 - e. Do you have a testimony about not waiting for God, and ending up even further from your goal?
 - f. Will you believe God and wait for his timing?
4. When complacency keeps us where we are.
 - a. Are you settling for good enough? If so, why?
 - b. In what areas do you tend to be complacent? In your relationship with God? In your marriage/ finances, career, or family?
 - c. It is often hard to keep going after a while. Develop a game plan ahead of time to help you push through when things become difficult.

Respond

What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you and hold you accountable in this?