

Point Group Notes

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Getting to know you...

1. Who here has a person in their life that doesn't... LISTEN! What's that like? Why is it frustrating? *Remember! Let's not throw spouses under the bus!*
2. We often use a different communication style when we think the message is urgent. What does this look like for you? Are you a yeller? Do you get quieter? What's it like in the house with a panicked *you*?
3. Do you remember when you gave up trying to communicate something important? Help us understand the circumstances surrounding that issue. '

Quick Review – Have a look at your sermon notes from last week. What stood out to you the most? Did you learn anything new? Did anything said leave you with any questions?

Digging Deeper...

This Sunday, we saw the comparison between two types of people. The first was hostile toward the Gospel; the others were “more noble” and could hear Christ's truth! Interestingly, Paul and Silas encountered the difficult group *first*, meaning that they had to *overcome* the frustrations and difficulties of having an angry mob chase them! They preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ despite all of the things that were going on around them. This week, we will look at a similar situation where God's men preached truth and obedience to God despite calls for their lives and were able to see the promised land due to their faithfulness.

Number 13:25-14:12

Read the passage referenced above and answer the following questions:

1. This passage details when Moses sent spies into the promised land to scope the situation. When the spies returned, they had two separate messages. What were they? How did the people respond to the news?



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2. What do you think was the ultimate reason the people responded the way they did? Do you see any similarities in the way you react to difficult news?
3. We see that Caleb went out of his way to encourage the people to follow through with what the Lord wanted! What risks were associated with Caleb taking a stand for God's will?
4. When you read **Numbers 14:23**, what results from Caleb's obedience?

Taking it Home...

1. Caleb was among the *tiny* group allowed to enter the promised land! Caleb was trying to bring the truth of the fulfillment of God's promises. Caleb's message was important and full of hope, but at the same time, radical. How could the Israelites defeat the inhabitants of this land? How is Caleb's message similar to the Gospel we've been called to preach?
2. When it comes to sharing the Gospel with your "tribe" (the people that you interact with regularly, like your family, friends, and coworkers), what risks do you face? What would your world look like if you were, like Caleb and Joshua, were able to "push through" and share the joy of Jesus anyway?
3. Throughout history, Caleb, Paul, Silas, and many others have shared the Gospel despite the risk! How do you think they do it? Try thinking beyond "trusting God." Yes! Trust is the cornerstone of our ability to witness, but what does it look like practically?
4. How can we pray for you as you apply what you're learning this week?

