



# Crossroads The Story Discussion Guide

## “The Wandering”

Week of: February 10, 2019

*God has a great path planned for us  
that includes joy and intimacy with him;  
when we choose to take our own route  
the journey is harder and takes longer.*

This week we look at parts of two rather difficult books to read – Numbers and Deuteronomy, as we explore the Israelites journey through the desert and Moses farewell discourse. If you don't have The Story book, you can read chapters 10-14, 20-21, 25 and 27 in Numbers and chapters 1-2, 4, 6, 8-9, 29-32 and 34 in Deuteronomy.

### **OPEN YOUR GROUP WITH A PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.**

1. Describe some of the ways that God might help us recalculate our life direction and get back on track when we are wandering?
2. Ten of the men who spied out the land let their minds and eyes focus on the obstacles (Numbers 13:26-33; The Story, p. 75). What are ways we can be frozen by fear and fixate on the obstacles rather than the God who can help us overcome them?
3. How have you seen the sins of one generation poison and damage those who came after them? And conversely, how have you seen good choices and spiritual maturity be passed on as a blessing to the next generation?

### **Diving Deeper**

1. Pastor Charles talked about the vision God has for Crossroads to be responsive to God's leading. What kinds of things can get in the way of us responding to God's direction?
2. What will help us hear and respond more quickly when the Lord is seeking to lead us? What is one area of your life where you would like to be more responsive to God's leading and how can your group support you in this?
3. Despite his years of service, Moses' disobedience kept him from entering the Promised Land. What did Moses do wrong? Do you agree with the punishment? What does this teach you about God's expectations for leadership?
4. What questions came up for you while you were reading this chapter?

### **Read for Next Session**

Take time before your next group meeting to read chapter 7 of The Story.