



When What I See Makes It Hard to Trust God

- Who we listen to shapes how we see
- How we see shapes how we live

God's Story

Numbers 13–14

How We See What We See Matters

1. Fear distorts what I see

Numbers 13:27–33; 14:1–5

- Fear doesn't change my circumstances; it changes how I see them

2. Faith sees my circumstances in light of God

Numbers 14:5–10

- Same giants. Different reference point

3. Faith sees God for who He is

Numbers 14:18–19, 39–45

- Seeing clearly begins with seeing God rightly

Jesus

Numbers 14:9; Matthew 28:19–20

- The answer to an uncertain future isn't that there are no giants; it's that Jesus is with us

My Response

- See
- Trust
- Follow

Small Group Questions:

1. In Numbers 13–14, the spies saw the same land but interpreted what they saw differently. Where in your life might fear be shaping how you see your circumstances?
2. Joshua and Caleb saw the same giants as the other spies but trusted that God was with them. What difference would it make to see a challenge you're facing in light of God's presence?
3. What does Moses remind us about God's character in Numbers 14:18–19? Which part of God's character do you most need to remember and trust right now?

Be Intentional:

This week, identify one situation where fear or uncertainty is shaping how you see things. Bring it honestly before Jesus, remember that He is with you, and take one specific step of faith in response to what He's asking you to do.

Pray:

Spend time praying together. What are some ways in which you can pray for each other? Take some time in the coming week to explore ways in which you can encourage one another. Remember to share with your group what you are learning about those opportunities and reflect on God's Word as you pray for each other.