

CONGDON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH/YOUNG ADULT'S CLASS

Numbers 14: 1-12

“Let’s Rebel” (People Forget and Rebel)

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Aim’s - - - Students Should Know That:

1. The Israelites were faced with a challenge before going into the Promised Land and fear made them lose perspective, they forgot how God had already delivered them; and their lost faith led to lack of trust and rebellion towards God, and a lost blessing.
2. The people complained (again wanted to go back to Egypt) and Moses and Aaron fell face down; Joshua and Caleb tried to encourage the people (reminded them of what God had already done, how He kept His promises, His ability to defeat their enemies, and asked them not to rebel), but they would not listen and wanted to stone them.
3. God got angry and visibly appeared, shared with Moses that He was ready to destroy them, and start a new and better nation through Moses.

Discussion Topics:

- What are some reasons why people rebel in today’s society?
- Is it a good or bad thing to rebel against authority—Explain?
- How do people reject and show contempt against God today?

Biblical Journey:

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| I. Refusing to Take the Next Step | Numbers 14: 1-4 |
| II. Here We Go Again | Numbers 14: 5-9 |
| III. Contempt for God | Numbers 14: 10-12 |

Q & A

1. *“How did the Israelites react after hearing the report about the Promised Land?”*

2. *The Israelites were ready to do what instead moving into the land?*

3. *How did Moses and Aaron react to the actions of the people?*

4. *What did Caleb and Joshua encourage the people to do?*

5. *God accused His people of treating Him with what?”*

6. What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you through this lesson?

I learned that:

Before getting emotional, losing perspective and rebelling against God (losing faith-lack of trust), we need to reflect on what God has already done in our lives and for our families, otherwise we lose our blessings.