

# Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

## Galatians: Jesus + Nothing - Part 4

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### Introduction

In the Old Testament, twelve spies were sent out to explore the land, but ten of them brought back a fearful report of the people they encountered. Only Caleb and Joshua reported that God's promised land was exceedingly good. The Israelites were fearful of defeat and wanted to choose a new leader to take them back to their old lives in Egypt. In our time, our present journey may be filled with challenges. God is calling us not to give up and not to go back to our old ways, but to press forward as His precious sons and daughters, and to enjoy the freedom that He has given us through trusting in Jesus as our Saviour.

### Read

Numbers 14:1-4, Galatians 4:8-12

### Discuss

1. Can you recall a holiday or trip you have been on with others that didn't go to plan? Share.
2. Read Numbers 14:1-4. Discuss some of the emotions the Israelites experienced as God had led them out of Egypt through Moses. Why do you think they wanted a different leader and to go back to Egypt?
3. In our journey with God, Pastor Sam mentioned that we may be tempted to go back to our old ways when the going gets too hard. Have you had these feelings? What did you do? Discuss with the group some things that we may go back to when we feel that the challenges are too hard.

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4. Read Galatians 4:8-12. Paul encouraged the Galatians not to shrink back to their old ways of religion since they have developed a relationship with God as Abba Father. How do you think this could be similar to our relationship with our earthly father? What are some of the ways God has shown affection to us?
5. "We are human beings created to be in relationship with God, not human beings tasked with earning God's approval." To what extent do you agree with this statement? How do you think we could move away from earning God's approval and towards enjoying a father-child relationship with God?
6. Pastor Sam mentioned that God wants us to move forward to the future with Him through spending time with Him and knowing Him personally. Share with the group some uplifting moments where you have encountered God's love. What is one thing you could do to deepen your relationship with God this week?

### **Respond**

This week, pray for the Holy Spirit to enable us to see God's love, not to go back to our old ways but to deepen our relationship with Him. Think of someone you know who might be facing challenging times and share with this person God's unconditional love and approval. Commit to praying for this person.