

## THE PATH AHEAD IS EXCEEDINGLY GOOD

### I. Check-In

- Check in. How is everyone doing?
- Last week's challenge was to think about three things **(1)** what mistakes have you made, **(2)** what mistakes have you seen at Mid City Church, and **(3)** did those mistakes eventually help out our church? Share some of your answers with your group.

### II. Scripture

That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?" And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them."

But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. Then the glory of the Lord appeared at the tent of meeting to all the Israelites.

**Numbers 14:1-10 (CEB)**

### V. Prayer Requests

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

### IV. Challenge

Pastor Fernie invited us to be a "Joshua" to each other by being the kind of prophetic voice that reminds others that something exceedingly good lies ahead of all of us.

**What are some ways that you can be that prophetic voice for others in our church, your small group, and the community?**

### III. Discussion Questions

- What initial thoughts do you have about the scripture for this week?
- Can you share an example of a time when you went through a difficult transition? What is something **exceedingly good** that came out of that experience?
- Have you ever experienced a time of transition where you started to doubt something good was to come?
- What makes you nervous about transition and change?
- Sometimes our fear of the future makes us long for the past. What do you think is the danger in doing this?
- Do you have an "exceedingly good" story about your time at Mid City Church that you can share?