



BiG iDEa: Jesus invites me to walk boldly forward in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Growing Deeper this week...

Set aside some time throughout this week to read and reflect on what God's word says on the subject from the Bible passages below. Some questions are provided for you or a small group of friends to provide focus for your reflection. Before your start: Breathe, pray, ask the Holy Spirit for help.

Identify

What are some things from your past that make you afraid to take on a new challenge?

Read

Scriptures to grow by... Numbers 13:1-33, 14:1-24, Joshua 14:6-15, Acts 2:1-2, John 15:26-27, 16:4-7, Philippians 3:12-14, 4:13, Hebrews 11:6.

Reflect

1. What words, phrases or ideas stand out to you from the Bible readings you read today? How do these passages help you think about your willingness to follow Jesus even if you feel afraid of what it might cost in time, talent, money or priorities?
2. How do these words, phrases or ideas connect with your everyday life? What do they lead you to think or to do?
3. On Sunday, Doug reminded us that "If we don't seek to be of a 'different spirit,' our choices or even those of others will have an adverse effect on us and our entire community." How do you respond to this statement? What might Jesus be inviting you to consider about what it means to move boldly forward with God?

Respond

Moving forward...

If it is true that your age or color or gender or circumstances don't matter when it comes to going forward in faith wherever God calls you, what is holding you back? What is propelling you forward? Ask Jesus what he might want to say to you about this. Share your thoughts and experiences with someone you trust and who will pray for you.