



Voices

WARM UP

Name a favorite musician or band you listened to in high school. Who do you listen to today?

SET IT UP

We want to move forward, but fear holds us back. We want to see great things happen in and through us, but we're told to "play it safe" and take no risks. Fear doesn't come so much from the challenges in front of us—it comes from the voices inside of us. The voices you listen to define you. The battle for courage is won or lost in our minds.

CHAT IT UP

- 1. Who were some of the most influential voices in your life growing up? What impact did they have the direction of your life?**
- 2. God had promised Israel victory in the promised land. Read Numbers 13:26-33 and listen to the report the spies gave after viewing the land. What do you notice about the cause of their fear?**
- 3. Read Numbers 14:1-9. How was Joshua and Caleb's response different from the other ten spies? Why do you think it was different?**
- 4. Mark talked about three sources—three voices—that tend to influence our lives. Which one affects you the most? (They were: The voices of media, the people around us, and the past.)**
- 5. Are these voices helpful or hurtful to your faith?**
- 6. What can you do to improve the voices you listen to?**

Optional Exercise: Have group members help each other find verses that relate to their fears.

WRAP IT UP

There are a lot of reasons to be afraid. We need to learn how to conquer the fears that can tie us down, hold us back, and keep us from being the people God has called us to be. The fear we feel often comes from the lies we believe. Make it a point to listen to the right voices this week.

LEADER TIPS

- Baptism is coming up on October 7-8. Maybe the fear of getting baptized is holding someone back. Encourage your group to take this next step! (Go to parkerhill.org/baptism to apply.)
- This is good week to print off the passages (or make sure you have enough Bibles on hand). The passages are Numbers 13:26-33 and Numbers 14:1-9.