

Peace in Uncertain Times

Discussion questions

The Essentials

- 1) We cannot deny that there are real problems in today's world. Which of these problems are a cause of concern for you? How have you dealt with them so far?
- 2) Read Numbers 13:1-3; 17-33.
 - a) Name some of the facts brought home by the spies.
 - b) What made the report bad in God's sight?
 - c) What do you think was behind Joshua and Caleb's response? Num. 14:6-9
 - d) What are some of the consequences of consistent unbelief in God's word? Num. 14. 21-24; Rom. 3:18-19; Mark 6:5-6.

Going deeper

- 3) Discuss the following statement: "True victory (peace) does not come from the powerlessness of the enemy/situation but from the sovereignty of God over the enemy/situation". (see John 19:8-11)
- 4) Read Isaiah 26:3, 2 Cor. 4:18 and 2 Cor. 5:7. Discuss how can we assess peace in uncertain times.

Memory verse: Isa. 26: 3 You (God) will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! (NLT)

Prayer points: Let us:

- confess our fears and worries and our lack of trust in God
- ask God to open our spiritual eyes and understanding to know him better
- ask God to give us a deep hunger for his word and discipline to minimize news bingeing
- ask God to flood our hearts with his peace