

Bible Biographies

Sunday Night Auditorium Class

Responding to God's Call: **Caleb**

Caleb: Numbers 13:1-3; 17-33; Joshua 14

Introduction

We don't know much about Caleb, but what we know about him is positive. He was a man of outstanding faith, loyalty and courage. The most telling event occurred before the Israelites entered Canaan, when Moses sent him, along with 11 others, to check out the land.

Questions

1. Caleb was one of the 12 spies Moses sent to spy out the land of Canaan. What tribe did he represent? What other important character(s) came from that tribe?
2. What was the majority report about the land? Why?
3. Who differed with the majority? Why?
4. What was Caleb's reward for his faith? How many others received this reward?
5. What area did Caleb conquer? How old was he when he conquered it?
6. Without looking at the text, name the 10 spies who gave the negative report. OK, name one. What's my point?

Discussion

Read Numbers 14:24. What was the "different spirit" that Caleb had? How can we get a "spirit" like that?

In the 1400s, mapmakers wrote on the margins of their maps "*Beyond this, there be dragons!*" Why did they look at it that way instead of imagining greater lands?

Read Luke 18:1-8. Do you see any connection with this event?

"The ten spies interpreted God in light of circumstances. Joshua and Caleb interpreted circumstances in light of God." (Charles Stevens, *The Wilderness Journey*). Explain.