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Background information:

- Moses instructs the 12 Spies to bring back a report concerning what they find in the Promised Land but they do more than report on what they find. They also bring back a recommendation concerning whether or not the people should proceed with occupying the Promised Land or not.

- Although the text says the 12 Spies spent 40 days in the Promised Land, it doesn't tell us whether or not the spies had a chance to interact with the people who live in the Promised Land.

- When the Spies discover that the Promised Land is occupied by people of great stature (i.e. giants), a portion of them begin to develop a negative self-image.

- There is more than one kind of giant in our lesson today: One giant is the people of great stature (i.e. the obstacle). Another giant is the limitations that God's people put on themselves and God (i.e. only depending on what they see)

Getting Into the Word:

1) If someone has been commissioned by God and/or God's Representative to do a particular job for God and God's community, should the person add more to his/her job description without consulting God and/or God's Representative? Why or why not?

2) Do you think that Caleb and Joshua see something different from what the other 10 Spies do? What information from our text backs up your answer?

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3) Ten of the Twelve Spies return to the Nation of Israel assuming the very presence of giants in the Land of Promise means that they are incapable of claiming what God has promised. When you look at what God has promised you and yours do your self-perceived limitations ever get in the way of you claiming God's promise? If so, how? If not, why not?

4) What are some of the giants that our fellowship community is facing?

5) How can our fellowship community successfully overcome these giants so that we may claim what God has promised us in a timely fashion?

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