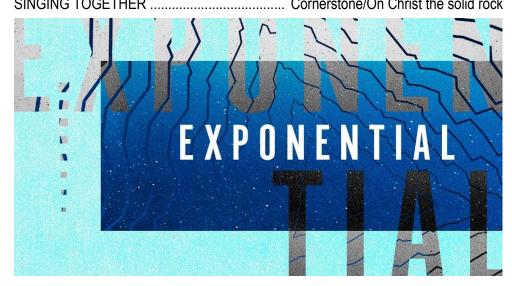
## **Discovery Service Order and Message Outline**



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SINGING TOGETHER	The Joy
	Open the eyes
PRAYER	•
SINGING TOGETHER	Turn your eyes upon Jesus
UPDATES	Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER	Christ our hope in life and death
BIBLE READING Numbers 13:1	-3, 17-21, 26-14:9 (Church Bible page 201)
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## Exponential ~1 How to increase our faith. Numbers 13:1-3, 17-21, 26-14:9

'Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.' Colossians 3:1-2 NIV

'What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen and to be certain of things we do not yet see.' Hebrews 11:1 NLT

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SEE WITH EYES OF FEAR?

(Numbers 13-14 - Spying out the Promised Land)

1. We	the difficulti	es.
'It's a magnificent land but the people I fortified and large! What's more, we sa	living there are powerful,	and their cities are
'other spies said, "They would crush negative.' Numbers 13:31-32 LB	us!" So the majority repo	rt of the spies was
2. We	our abilities.	
'We seemed like grasshoppers in our of Numbers 13:33 NIV	own eyes, and we looked	the same to them.'
3. We get		
'Then all the people began weeping alo Numbers 14:1 LB	oud, and they carried on	all night!'
'All the Israelites grumbled against Most they wailed, 'Or even here in the wilder		<b></b>
4. We eventually	and we	God.
'Why is the Lord bringing us to this land better for us to go back to Egypt?' Num	,	sword? Wouldn't it be

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SEE WITH EYES OF FAITH?

1. Faith shrinks my  'Is anything too hard for the Lord?' Genesis 18:14 NIV
'For nothing is impossible with God!' Luke 1:37 NIV
2. Faith opens the door for a  Jesus said, 'Have faith in God! If you have faith in God and you don't doubt, you could tell this mountain to get up and jump into the sea, and it would. Whatever you ask for in prayer will be yours, if you only have the faith.' Mark 11:22-24 CEV
'Jesus did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.' Matthew 13:58 NIV
3. Faith moves God to act on  Jesus said, 'According to your faith it will be done to you.' Matthew 9:29 NIV
4. Faith unlocks all the of God.  'For no matter how many promises God has made, they are all 'Yes' in Christ!'  2 Corinthians 1:20 NIV
5. Faith turns God-given dreams into  'Glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us, is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes!' Ephesians 3:20 LB
6. Faith gives me power to in tough times.  'We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we're not crushed and broken. We're

'We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we're not crushed and broken. We're perplexed, but we don't give up and quit. We're attacked but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up and keep going!' 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 NLT

'God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life.' John 3:16 CEV



- 1. Why is the way God sees things more important than the way we see them?
- 2. Read Ephesians 1:18. Was there a time in your life that God opened your eyes to see something from his point of view?
- 3. Meditate on Mark 11:22-24. God works miracles when we stretch our faith. What can we do to increase our faith in God so God can open the doors for miracles in our lives?
- 4. Share how God has moved mountains in your life, or name current mountains in your life you want God to move.
- 5. Read Ephesians 3:20. Faith turns God-given dreams into reality. How can we distinguish God-given dreams from selfish or worldly dreams?
- 6. Why do you think God wants us to have exponential faith?
- 7. Read Numbers 13:27b-28. We often exaggerate our difficulties when we look at things with eyes of fear rather than eyes of faith. Most people don't have enough faith and are therefore pessimistic about big personal challenges. Has there been a time in your life when fear held you back?
- 8. Being safe often feels better than doing something unpredictable and risky. What might God say to you about this?
- 9. Compare how a problem looks like through eyes of fear and how it looks like through eyes of faith in God.
- 10. Read 2 Corinthians 4:8-9. How does this verse help you to persevere in faith?



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