

These notes suggest ways you can discuss the sermon preached on January 16, 2022, at First Evangelical Church in Memphis, TN. Feel free to use them for a class or small group discussion. Pick just one question or use them all.

1. So far in this sermon series, Pastor Jim has highlighted four journey principles. Here they are: God is our difference maker, God's grace is our protection, God's gifts are good, and choose the easy way. How has one of these principles addressed a situation or circumstance you are currently facing?
2. Zechariah says: "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn" (Zechariah 12:10). This verse connects grace with mourning. How can mourning actually be a form of grace from God? Have you or someone you know ever received a grace gift from God that resulted in mourning? Do tell.
3. In Numbers 14:39, we learn that Israel mourned. What were they sad about? What were they not sad about that they should have been?
4. Why did Israel Israel get defeated as reported in Numbers 14:45? Where did they go wrong?
5. Pastor Jim will report of Israel that on one day they did NOT believe they could do it (take the land) when God was with them. On the next day, they believe they CAN when God is not with them! What is wrong with their thinking?
6. Jim will conclude this sermon by stating, "**Brokenness is good.**" What does this mean? Have you ever experienced brokenness that led to something good? What happened?

PRINCIPLES

Passage	Day	Title	Principle
Numbers 1:1–3	The Day of the Census	What Really Counts	God is our difference maker.
Numbers 10:11–13	Last Day at the Mountain	Here We Go!	God’s grace is our protection.
Numbers 13:25–33	The Day the Spies Returned	Donut-holitis	God’s gifts are good.
Numbers 14:1–38	The Day Israel Blew It	God’s Curriculum	Learn the easy way.
Numbers 14:39–45	The Day After Israel Blew It	The Trouble With Me	Brokenness is good.