**chapter 6: wandering**

**Icebreaker Question**: On a scale of ‘Grumbling’ (1) to ‘Grateful’ (10), where do you most often fall? Explain your answer. What are the negative and positive outcomes when you choose one extreme or the other?

1. Were you able to relate to Moses in this passage when he felt overburdened? Have your burdens ever caused you to question God’s goodness? How might Moses’ honest conversation with God help you handle heavy burdens in the future?

2. Israel believed the report of the faithless spies out of fear. What do you think was the cause of their consistent lack of faith and trust?

3. The manna and quail episode ended in a severe plague (p. 71-73). What Upper Story lessons was God trying to teach? How do they apply to us today?

4. God asks the question: “*How long will these people treat me with contempt?*” (p. 76). What does it mean to be treated with contempt? Can you identify modern-day examples of God being treated with “contempt?”

5. Israel’s rebellion led to a 40 year punishment and kept an entire generation from seeing the Promised Land. How might you minister to someone whose life choices resulted in irrevocable consequences?

6. Moses is described as a “*very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth*” (p. 73). What examples from his life illustrate this? How would you rate your humility level?

7. Despite his years of service, Moses’ disobedience kept him from entering the Promised Land. What did Moses do wrong? Do you agree with the punishment? What does this teach you about God’s expectations for leadership?

8. Moses charged Israel with passing the commandments down to their children. What is your role in teaching the next generation? What are some practical ways you can serve as a parent, grandparent, or mentor?

9. Carefully reread Moses’ farewell message (p. 84-88). How does he emphasize God’s Upper Story of redemption?

In the time remaining ask your group members to share any of their personal reflection insights from their journal entries.