

WEEK 6: Influence

INTRODUCTION

Influence plays a very big role in our lives. We are influenced by the things we read, by what we observe, and by our culture. Perhaps more significantly, we are influenced by the people in our lives. The Bible has a lot to say about the people who influence us and the people we influence. Today, let's review a passage of the Bible that gives us valuable insight on the whole idea of influence.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you could explore any country in the world, what would it be? What things in that country would most interest you?
2. Read Numbers 13:1-2, 25-33. After reading about this historic experience of Israel, what stands out to you as being most significant?
3. Read Numbers 13:25-27. What were the scouting report conclusions from all twelve explorers?
4. Read Numbers 13:28-33. Here we see both positive and negative influences as presented by the twelve explorers. By your observation, what was the basis for each of their perspectives, and what application do you see for yourself?
5. Read Proverbs 13:20. How do you evaluate the influence people are having on your life? Does this connect to a specific relationship in your life?
6. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:9. What kind of an influence are you to the people you spend your time with?

MOVING FORWARD

A prayer: "Dear God, help me to carefully evaluate the influence I am having on others and others are having on me."