# RESEARCH FOR CONFIRMATION AND TASK-CLARIFICATION

NUMBERS 13:1, 17-27
THE GOSPEL FOR EVERY PERSON

The Theme Focus

#### Research

- The <u>systematic investigation</u> into, and study of, materials and sources in order to <u>establish facts and</u> <u>reach new conclusions.</u> (Noun)
- 2. <u>Discover or verify information</u> for use in making informed and strategic decisions or in carrying out intelligent actions (Verb)
- 3. Numbers 13:1 'Search' the land (KJV).. to uncover, find, explore, or come to know by inquiry or scrutiny usually used with 'out' (Verb)

### The Theme Focus <u>Guide(s)</u>

- 1. A thing that helps someone to form an opinion or make a decision or calculation. (Noun)
- 2. To show or indicate the way to (someone or something); direct or influence the behaviour or development of some entity, something. (Verb)

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**Kingdom** 

The domain over which the spiritual sovereignty of God or Christ extends, whether in heaven or on earth.

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#### **Impact**

1. A marked effect or influence on something (Noun)

2. To have a strong effect on someone or something. (Also connotes "to undergo a transformation") (Verb)

## THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION TO SEARCH THE LAND OF CANAAN

1.THE INQUISITIVENESS OF THE ISRAELITES - Deuteronomy 1:21-22

2. A CONFIRMATION OF THE PROMISES OF GOD - Deuteronomy 1:24-25; Numbers 13:23-27; Deuteronomy 8:7-9

#### WHAT THEY WERE TO LOOK OUT FOR

NUMBERS 13:17-20

- 1. "THE DIRECTION AND LOCATION" (vs 17)
- 2. "WHAT THE LAND IS ......"
- THE DEMOGRAPHICS (vs 18)
- THE TOPOGRAPHICS & SETTLEMENT STRUCTURES (vs 19)
- THE FLORA AND FERTILITY OF THE LAND (vs 20)

#### FINDINGS, INTERPRETATIONS & APPLICATIONS

• FACTS ESTABLISHED (Deut. 8:7-8; Numbers 13:26-27)

• INFORMATION VERIFIED (Numbers 13:20b; 23-24; 26b-27)

• NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE CONCLUSIONS REACHED AND THE IMPACT THEY HAD ON THE PEOPLE AND THEIR MISSION (Numbers 13:28-29; 31-33; 14:1-4; VS 13:30; 14:6-9)

#### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- 1. HOW DOES RESEARCH RE-INFORCE OUR CONFIDENCE & TRUST IN GOD?
- 2. WHAT ARE THE DANGERS TO AVOID IF RESEARCH FINDINGS ARE REALLY GOING TO RESULT IN KINGDOM IMPACT?
- 3. HOW MUST WE ENSURE THAT THE RESEARCH WE ARE DOING MAKES THE GOSPEL AVAILABLE FOR EVERY PERSON?