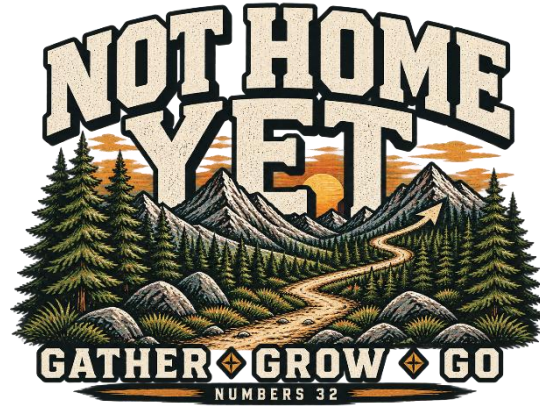


“Not Home Yet”

*Remember: The goal of small group is 100% participation. Everyone talks.



OPEN IT

- What’s something in your life that is genuinely good, but you’ve had to recognize wasn’t necessarily the place where you were supposed to stop?
- Have you ever started something with good intentions but gradually became comfortable enough that you stopped pursuing what you originally set out to do? What happened?

READ IT:

- Numbers 32:1-24
- Numbers 13:25-33
- Numbers 14:6-9
- Matthew 28:19-20

EXPLORE IT:

- In **Numbers 32:1–5**, what specifically attracted Reuben and Gad to the land east of the Jordan? Why was their request understandable? What made it potentially dangerous?
- Look closely at **Numbers 32:6–7**. Why does Moses react so strongly to their request? What does he seem to understand that they aren't seeing?
- Read **Numbers 13:25–33** and **Numbers 14:6–9**. What similarities does Moses see between the Reubenites and Gadites' request and the earlier failure of Israel? How can discouragement spread from a few people to an entire community?

- In **Numbers 32:16–18**, what changes about the posture of Reuben and Gad? What does their response reveal about the difference between pursuing something good and settling for something good?
- What is significant about their statement, “We will not return to our homes until each of the Israelites has received their inheritance” (**Numbers 32:18**)? What does this teach us about God's people pursuing God's purposes together rather than individually?
- Why do you think Moses was concerned not only about what Reuben and Gad would do, but about how their decision might affect everyone else (**Numbers 32:6–7**)? What does that suggest about the influence our faithfulness—or lack of faithfulness—can have on other believers?
- Read **Matthew 28:19–20**. What does Jesus actually command His disciples to do? How does this challenge the idea that discipleship is primarily about our own spiritual growth, comfort, or knowledge?
- The message says, “The land wasn't the problem. Stopping there was.” What is the biblical difference between receiving God's blessing and becoming satisfied with God's blessing? Can you think of other biblical examples where something good became a distraction from something God was calling someone to do?
- The message repeatedly uses the language “gather,” “grow,” and “go.” Looking at the biblical passages we've read, why are gathering and growth important—but incomplete if they never lead to mission?
- **Numbers 32** ends with Reuben and Gad agreeing to remain engaged in the mission until the others receive their inheritance. What would it look like for a Christ follower—or a small group—to adopt that same posture today? What would change if we regularly asked, “How can God use us?” rather than only, “How is this helping us?”

DO IT:

- **Ask the “Good but Incomplete?” Question.** Identify one area of your spiritual life that is genuinely good but may have become a place where you've settled. Ask God, “*Is there something more You are calling me to?*” Write down whatever comes to mind, pray over it, and consider asking a friend to check in with you about it.
- **Deploy Your Faith.** Take one specific step outside your normal spiritual routine this week: one conversation, one invitation, one prayer, or one act of service. Don't wait for a dramatic opportunity. Practice the “tiny drops” of consistent faithfulness described in the message.

- **Pray for Someone by Name.** Choose one person who is far from God—or who is not currently connected to a church community—and pray for them by name every day this week. Ask God to show you if and when He wants you to take a next step toward them.
- **Ask Your Group a Different Question.** At your next gathering, spend time answering these two questions together: *“How are we growing?”* and *“To whom are we going?”* Then identify one concrete way your group can move from gathering and growing toward going.
- **Take Your Next Step.** Don't settle for simply knowing what your next step should be. Take it. If you're not in a group, sign up for Rooted or step into a group. If you're already in a group, identify one way your group can engage in mission together. Make the decision, tell someone about it, and put it on your calendar.