WOODVALE
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Discussion Guide.

Sermon Title: **The *Unusual Faith* of Zelophehad's Daughters**
Key Scripture: Numbers 26:33 and Numbers 27:1-11
Recorded Sermon: www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtZlwknCn7s
Date + Speaker: May 11, 2025 Pastor Mark Scarr

Starter:
Have you ever 'broken the rules'? Briefly share the story and whether this was 'easy' for you or challenging?

The Big Idea:
As Christ followers we are to be notable for our *unusual faith*. It should the 'rule' NOT the exception.

Discussion:

1. Invite group members to take turns reading the Scriptures. Then go back around the 'circle' and have each group member share a word or phrase or idea that stood out and why.
2. Review the 'Who, What, Where, When, Why' of the passage. Once you have scrutinized these facts what seems remarkable about this story?
3. Pastor Mark suggests 7 characteristics of *unusual faith*. The first is that unusual faith must be *developed*. Statistically it's unlikely that all 5 women were bold, 'rule breakers'. Who might have influenced their spiritual formation?
4. What character traits mark a brave person? What is the relationship between discouragement and *being determined*?
5. Three of the characteristics of *unusual faith* are that it is *different*, *daring* and *discerning*. What feelings do these adjectives evoke? Why? Do you feel this disqualifies you for walking in unusual faith?
6. *Unusual faith* must be *declared*. Read Ephesians 6: 10, 11 and 16. The shield referred to here is a Roman shield that could interlock with the soldier's shield on either side creating a virtually impenetrable barrier. How does this image help when considering 'declaring' our *unusual faith*? What does it teach us?
7. Why would it be foolhardy to exercise daring faith without discernment?
8. Conclude the discussion time by praying for one another and asking the Lord for *unusual faith.*

Diving Deeper:
Is there an area in our individual life, the life of our CG or church community where we have not appropriated our rightful inheritance? Perhaps we've believed something untrue about ourselves or our circumstances? Perhaps we've accepted as normal or become immune to injustices? How might we respond?

Additional Resources:
Leader notes:
**Be careful not to imply it's acceptable to indiscriminately aschew rules. The Lord is One of order. Having unusual faith is not permission to disrespect authority by breaking rules.
Question 2: Be prepared to point out ancient customs around recording geneology, role of women, customs of land transfer in the Promised Land, where the Israelites were in their Exodus journey to the Promised Land. Setting the stage in this way will help to highlight how audacious the daughter's actions were.

Question 3: Zelophehad = protection from terror; the opposite of fear is? FAITH

Question 4: This is an opinion question but one of the important takeaways is that unusual faith involves imagining that we are able to do something that we couldn't or has not been done before. At least one of the daughter's must have imagined they could approach Moses and was prepared to take that risk.

Question 5: Not everyone is keen on being daring or different. It's important to discuss this and make sure that each member sees this doesn't disqualify them. It's highly unlikely that ALL 5 sisters were equally as bold BUT as a group they were strong and could act with conviction and purpose and faith!! Emphasize the importance of the CG and greater body of Christ.