Numbers 27

Our God Father & Shepherd

They drew near

They were willing to ASK

The LORD said "They are right"

Mat 7:7-11 ESV "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you... ...11 how much more <u>will your</u> <u>Father</u> who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Mat 6:7 ESV for **your Father** knows what you need before you ask him.

Nothing held this man back from asking

Mar 10:46-52 ESV ... 48 And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, 51 And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." 52 And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well."

Does what you are asking for seem impossible? -- ASK ANYHOW

Mat 14:26-29 ESV 28 And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29 *He said, "Come."*

Do you struggle with unbelief? -- ASK ANYHOW

Mar 9:20-24 ESV 23 And Jesus said to him, "If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "*I believe; help my unbelief*!"

Let us not be afraid to ask

Eph 3:20 ESV Now to him who is able to do <u>far</u> <u>more abundantly than all that we ask</u> or think, according to the power at work within us,

Let us not be afraid to ask

Jas 4:2 ESV You do not have, because you do not ask.

Our God is a Shepherd - and he chose a great leader in Moses

He understood the limits of His wisdom (was not afraid to seek God's wisdom)

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He yielded to the will of God for His life (even if it went against His wishes)

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He cared about the welfare of the people of God - so he ASKED this of the LORD

Our God is a Shepherd

The LORD Gave Moses a strategy to care for the flock that included the choosing of many leaders

Our God is a Shepherd

Exodus 18:13-25
Leaders of 10
Leaders of 50
Leaders of 100
Leaders of 1000

It is time to develop a network of small groups at ACC

More about this in the future - but consider

- 1. *Facilitating* a group (we will need 20)
- 2. *Hosting* a group
- 3. We want to extend groups to outlying areas

They are for care, relationship and learning