



"Joshua"

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Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

Ephesians 2:8 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith- and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

Joshua 24:14-15 "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshipped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods of your forefathers served beyond the River, or the Gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.""

We all place our _____ in something and someone.

Faith allows us to _____ in more than temporary things.

Where are you going to place your faith?

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Small Group Discussion Questions

Icebreaker

When have you rooted for the underdog?

Joshua is one of the few major Bible characters who seemed to do everything right – he was a strong leader who was completely committed to God.

Opening Question

What stood out to you from the weekend message? Was there a scripture, principle or action step that has stuck with you?

Scripture

Read Hebrews 11:30 & Joshua 5:13-6:21

The Israelites have just crossed the Jordan River and entered the Promised Land. Before them stands the fortified city of Jericho. The Lord then proceeds to give them the city but in a very unusual way.

- How do you think the Israelites felt about Joshua's battle plan?
- What do you think was the purpose of the trumpet blast and the people's shout?
- Why did God call for the total destruction of Jericho?
- Can you think of a personal lesson that can you apply from this story? If you need help, consider these questions:
 - What wall are you currently facing?
 - What have you found that is helpful in breaking down walls?

Read Joshua 24:1-27

- Why do you think Joshua recounts Israel's history?
- After all they have been through, why do you think the Israelites were given a choice now about who to serve?

Application

Conclude this study with this exercise to reflect on how God has shown faithfulness to you:

- Share something that God has done for you and/or your family
- Write down a concrete spiritual commitment you want to make in response to God's faithfulness
- Write down on paper something you are putting ahead of God in your life
- Pray for the strength to put God first and then crumple up your paper and throw it away symbolizing a new start

Pray