

The Jesus Story

Pastor's Discussion Notes

Joshua

Scripture

Primary Verses: Joshua 1:1-9; 2-5

Have everyone read the verses out loud. It's best not to comment during the reading.

Observations

Joshua 1:1-5 – Moses has died and Joshua has been chosen to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land.

- After forty years in the desert, how would it feel to be able to go into the Promised Land?
- If you were Joshua, how would you feel about being the leader after Moses?
- What qualified Joshua to be the leader that follows Moses?

Joshua 1:6-9 – God tells Joshua to make the Bible his source of strength.

- If the Bible is Joshua's source of strength, how would it be your source of strength? How does it help him lead?

Joshua 2 – God uses a prostitute to help the spies check out the Promised Land.

- Why do you think God chose this person to help?
- How encouraging is it to know that God can use anyone of us?

Joshua 3-5 – God does many miracles that help the Israelites cross into the Promised Land.

- How would seeing these miracles encourage your faith?

Application:

Pastor Jeffery mentions that God doesn't suggest that Joshua lead with courage, he commands it.

- Have you been called to something that requires courage?
- What are you doing today at God's command that presses your faith?

Whatever God invites us to – He equips us for.

- What has God invited you to? What is he equipping you for?

Prayer of the Week:

Jesus, thank You for always being there for us. We realize that You will always equip us for the things You call us to. Help us to hear Your voice so we can know what You want us to do. We desire to help people realize that You are the hope of the world. We will be courageous and full of faith based on Your promise to always be with us. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Group Flow

Catch Up

How was your week?

Scripture

Read the primary sermon verse(s) out loud

Observations

Make observations about all listed verses

Application

How should these verses change your life?

Prayer

Close the group with this prayer

Memorize this:

Joshua 1:7

Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

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