

Small Group Questions

The Lord Commands Joshua ... Joshua 1

Ice Breaker

Tell the name of a boss, teacher, or coach who has had a positive influence on you?

What instructions did your mom usually repeat at least three times as you went off on your own?

Bible Study

Joshua 1

1. Of the promises given to Joshua in verses 3-5, which do you think would help him the most?

- I will give you every place you set your foot;
- No one will be able to stand against you;
- As I was with Moses, so I will be with you;
- I will never leave you nor forsake you.

2. Count the number of times the name of Moses shows up in this chapter, why?

- Because God liked Moses a lot?
- Because Moses is an important person?
- Because God wanted Joshua to remember Moses?
- Because God wanted Joshua to know that like he took care of Moses, so he will take care of Joshua?
- Other:

3. God repeated the phrase, "be strong and courageous" three times ... why do you think he did this?

- Joshua was "shaking in his boots!"
- Joshua needed a boost to his confidence;
- Joshua was hard of hearing;
- Joshua was worried that he couldn't lead God's people;
- Other:

4. Have someone read verse 7-8 out loud. Why did God remind Joshua to obey his Law?

- God knows how fickle his people have been in the past;
- God knows the great benefit of obeying his law;
- God knows how forgetful his people are – they need the reminder!
- Other:

5. Why do you think Joshua gave the people three days to get ready to cross the Jordan (vs 11)?

- It takes a lot of time to get a couple million people ready to move;
- They needed time to mourn for Moses;
- Their vacation wasn't over;
- They needed time to get their courage up;
- Other:

6. Why was the promise that the three tribes made in verses 16-18 so important?

- They needed their armies to win the battles;
- They showed their willingness to follow Joshua as their new leader;
- Their commitment was an example to the other tribes;
- Other:

7. What commandment in verses 5-9 would be the toughest for you to obey?

- Be strong and courageous;
- Be careful to obey all the law;
- Do not turn from it (the law) to the right or to the left;
- Meditate on the law day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it;
- Do not be terrified;
- Do not be discouraged.

8. Which of his promises would be most helpful to you? Why?

- I will give you every place you set your foot;
- No one will be able to stand against you;
- As I was with Moses, so I will be with you;
- I will never leave you nor forsake you.
- I will be with you wherever you go.

Caring Time

1. Name a challenge that lies before you right now?

What do you fear that might hinder you?

2. What is one way that you hope this group will help you over the next few months?

End your time with prayer