

Sermon Study

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Kingdom Under Construction - Finishing Well
Joshua 23

vision

Eastview
Christian
Church is a
fearless church
of Christ
followers whose
ridiculous love
and dangerous
witness are
irresistible.



AUTHOR'S NOTE (summary of key points for this study)

Joshua gathered the leaders of the elders to prepare the people for his farewell and to finish well. His focus remained on the covenant with full trust in God's fulfillment of His promises and in God's victory, having seen how God has fought for His people. We too would be wise to hear these admonitions and to recall these reminders, especially as we call the world to join us as we enter the Promised Land.

Gather (your group getting to know each other)

1. As a teen, who or what were you most likely to turn to for advice and why (parent, grandparent, sibling, friend, teacher, coach, pastor, good book, the Bible or something/someone else)?
2. When you were a kid, was there anyone or anything that your parents, grandparents, or siblings warned you to stay away from/not mix with? Why did they warn you?

Go
(your group on mission)

Discuss
John 15:19
and 2 John
2:15a and how
we are now to
reach the
world through
the Spirit of
God with the
Gospel while
not loving the
things of the
world.

Grow (your group growing as Christ-followers)

1. What did Joshua remind the leaders about and why did he remind them of these things?

2. How are the directives that Joshua gave the leaders similar to what God had told him in chapter 1?

3. Practically speaking, what does it mean for the leaders to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses? How is this obedience ultimately connected to remembering how God has fought for them and how God had pledged to continue fighting for them?

4. How does God still fight for us today?

5. How does the directive not to turn aside from the Law “neither to the right hand nor to the left” compare with Jesus’ directives in the New Testament?

6. How are we equipped to follow God’s directives, staying on the narrow path, today?

7. Why did Joshua admonish the leaders not to “mix with these nations” and not to “make marriages with them”?

8. How does that compare with 2 Corinthians 6:14-18? What happens when we fail to follow these admonitions?

9. How have you/we mixed with pagan nations?

10. How has God kept the covenant that Joshua referred to in verse 16?

11. How does that covenant compare with the New Testament that we have through Jesus?

12. How does Joshua’s farewell charge to Israel’s leaders compare to Paul’s farewell to the Ephesian elders in Acts 20:17-35?

Give
(your group serving each other)

Discuss how you will support the staff and leaders of Eastview Christian Church. As a leader within your home or at Eastview, what do you need to remind the children and followers of Jesus of?