

Sermon Study

Get Ready

Joshua 1: 10-18

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Christian
Church is a
fearless church
of Christ
followers whose
ridiculous love
and dangerous
witness are
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Author's Note

I often think about my salvation and relationship with Jesus on a personal level; how my union with Christ has redeemed me, and is changing me (ever so slowly). This study calls me back to the family of God. This is the family of those reborn in Christ, and reminds me of my need to serve and sacrifice for my brothers and sisters just as Jesus has done for us.

Gather (your group getting to know each other)

1. Tell group members about a time in your life when you had to "prepare provisions" for a trip or an event.
2. Describe a time in your adult life when you were depending on another to provide for you (money, encouragement, time, patience, instruction, education, forgiveness).

Go

(your group on mission)

Look for ways to engage in activities that serve God's people and unbelievers to the glory of God our Father.

Grow (your group growing as Christ-followers)

Key Scripture:

Joshua 1: 14b-15a "...but all the men of valor among you shall pass over armed before your brothers and help them, until the Lord gives rest to your brothers as He has given to you..."

Key Word Study:

Help or Helped. "To give strong support, to benefit, to come to aid, to do good."

Discussion:

1. Start with prayer.

2. Read aloud Joshua 1:10-18.

3. Examine Joshua 1:10 & 11 again. Even though it is God who will give Israel the land, they are commanded to prepare. The same is true for us, even though God gives us victory as followers of Jesus Christ, how are we to be prepared? (See Matthew 7:24, Romans 12:2, Col. 3:1-14 for further reference)

4. In Joshua 1:12-18 God commands the two and a half tribes of Israel that already have their possession (land), not to rest on what they have. There is more to do. Note Joshua 1:16. How does God command us to keep striving in our walk with Christ? (See Matthew 5:43-48, Luke 12:8, John 14:1, 1 Timothy 6:11, James 1:22 for further reference)

5. Unity of God's people is a common theme in Joshua (chapters 3, 4, 7 and 8) with frequent references to "all Israel" and "all the people of Israel." What does the unity of our group and our church look like? (See also Matthew 8:11, Gal. 2:26-29, Eph. 4:1-3, Phil. 2:1-4, 1 Peter 3:8-9)

6. These verses are clear that God is involved in saving a people--a nation--not just individuals. What New Testament teachings reveal that Christ's saving work is about more than "just me?" (See also Matthew 1:21, 24:31, John 1:12-13, Eph. 1:9-10, 1 Peter 2:9, Rev. 7:9-10, 21:1-3)

7. Joshua 1:14 & 15 point toward our obligation to serve others, even sacrificially. What does this service to our brothers and sisters in Christ look like? (See also John 15:12, Romans 12:9-18, 14:13, 15:1-3, 1 Thess. 5:14-15, 1 Timothy 6:17-18, James 2:15-17)

8. How are we to serve those who don't yet trust in Jesus? (See also Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 10:29-37, 24:46-47, Romans 12:19-21, 1 Cor. 10:31-33)

Give

(your group serving each other)

Theologian Matthew Henry says, "When God by His providence has given us rest, we ought to consider what service we may do to the brethren."