

Life Group Discussion Guide

Living a Legacy; Studies in Joshua Big Shoes, Small Feet – Joshua 1:1-9

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<u>Main Thought</u>: To have the courage to win the battle before us, we need the courage to win the battle within us.

Sunday Outline:

- 1. Courage found in a divine call (vs. 1)
 - Do not compare yourself to others
- 2. Courage found in a divine promise (vs. 2,4,6)
 - o Do not let the obstacles intimidate you
- 3. Courage found in the divine presence (vs. 5,9)
 - Do not let the enemy scare you
- 4. Courage found in the divine precept (vs.7, 8)
 - Do not listen to other voices

Welcome & Fellowship Time (Suggested Time 10 Minutes)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review: (Suggested Sharing Time 10 minutes)

• Who are the present influences in your life and what has been their contribution to your spiritual journey?

Discussion Starter: (Suggested Time 5 minutes)

• During a transition time in your life, how did knowing that the Lord was present make a significant difference? Please share your experience.

Sermon Review: (Suggested Time 20 minutes).

Review Joshua 1:1-9 and discuss the following questions.

- How did Moses train Joshua to succeed him in leadership?
- What promise did the Lord give Joshua in v3?
- What promise did the Lord give Joshua in v5?
- Why did God repeat the command to be strong and courageous?



• What does it mean to meditate on God's word day and night?

<u>Digging Deeper:</u> (Suggested Time 15 minutes)

In Deuteronomy chapters 31-34 we have a long farewell section as Moses departs and Joshua takes over. It involves a commissioning, a public reading of the law, a long song and a blessing of the people.

- God writes Moses' obituary-what does He say about the man? How is it instructive to us? (Deuteronomy 34)
- What was the reaction of Israel to Moses' death? Does this surprise you given their attitude toward him during his life?
- Why does Deuteronomy end this way?

<u>Application:</u> (Suggested Time 10 minutes)

- This opening section of Joshua calls upon the new leader to be strong and courageous. As Christians we follow a leader, Jesus, who was strong and courageous. He was so strong, and so courageous that He paid the penalty for our sin.
 - Have you trusted in His sacrificial death for you?
 - What has the Lord done for you in the past that encourages you to trust Him in the future?
 - What are some areas where you need to be strong and courageous?

Group Prayer Requests: (Suggested Time 10 minutes)

<u>Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members.</u> (Suggested time 10 minutes)