

Life Group Discussion Guide Living a Legacy; Studies in Joshua Joshua's Last Word! – Joshua 24

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<u>Main Thought</u>: When it comes to our choices, will we listen to the wisdom of those who have gone before us or will we choose to abandon such wisdom?

Sunday Outline:

Joshua's last words to the people provide...

A Historical Review

A Choice

A Desire

A Witness

Welcome & Fellowship Time (Suggested Time 10 Minutes)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review: (Suggested Sharing Time 10 minutes)

• The wisdom of the old vet is epitomized in the person of Caleb, who was faithful to God throughout his life. Who is someone who represents the old vet of faith for you?

<u>Discussion Starter:</u> (Suggested Time 5 minutes)

 Would you rather have to read aloud every word you read or sing everything you say out loud? Would you rather your only mode of transportation be a donkey or a giraffe?
Talk about why some choices are easier to make than others?

<u>Sermon Review:</u> (Suggested Time 15 minutes).

Take some time to review Joshua 23 and 24 as a group and discuss the following questions.

- Considering the fact that Joshua followed the leadership of Moses, how do these final words reflect Joshua's desire for the people to carry the legacy passed to him from Moses?
- It can be easy to judge the Israelites and their fickle nature of obedience with God at times, discuss with one another how your obedience to God is either on cruise control or race car?
- How do you maintain presence with God among all the distractions?



<u>Digging Deeper:</u> (Suggested Time 20 minutes)

Read Ephesians 4:25-32 and discuss the following questions.

- Putting on Christ-like character involves a daily series of choices. As you read through this practical list of instructions from Paul, what are the choices Paul presents in this passage?
- What are some of the Christ-like habits that you can choose on a daily basis? How do these choices of habits begin to influence your desire and witness daily?
- Our pursuit of God's holiness in our lives is absolutely dependent on the Holy Spirit. In order to put on the new self requires our obedience. Look together at Galatians 5:7, 2 Timothy 2:1 and Philippians 4:13 to discover how we might best pursue Godly choices.

Application: (Suggested Time 10 minutes)

- The first choice we must make is the choice to actually follow after Jesus with all our heart, soul and mind. If you have never made a choice to follow Jesus, then the first choice you need to make is that one. Only Jesus can begin the process of transforming your heart.
- What areas of your life do you need to pursue more Christ-like choices? Knowing you cannot do it on your own but only through His Spirit and grace, where do you need to begin?
- Give some thought to your witness to the world. Are you reflecting the character of God in the daily choices you are making?

Group Prayer Requests: (Suggested Time 10 minutes)

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