

Small Group & Personal Bible Study Lesson

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Memory Verse: Joshua 1:9

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Discovery Bible Study:

1. Read and then write down the passage found in **Joshua 1:9**
2. Next, rewrite **Joshua 1:9** using your own words
3. What do you discover in this passage?
4. What does God want you to understand and obey in response to this passage?

Daily Reading

- Day 1: Acts 27
- Day 2: Joshua 1
- Day 3: Joshua 2
- Day 4: Joshua 3
- Day 5: Joshua 4

Lesson: Trust God in crisis, He is with you and He is in control!

1. From studying Joshua 1:9 this week, what is God telling you about trusting in Him?

God is reminding me that I should trust in Him in all circumstances and know that He is with me and He is in control. I should find comfort in that truth. The Bible says, “Perfect love drives our fear.” (1 John 4:18) When I trust in God I have no reason to be terrified or discouraged. He is in control and He is with me and He knows how this will all come out. I can’t change that and I wouldn’t want to.

2. Why do you think we become afraid or discouraged in the midst of crisis?

We take our eyes off God and focus on the storm. When crisis, major decisions, big challenges appear in our lives we need to keep our eyes on Jesus. (Hebrews 12:1-3)

3. How would God want you to respond to crisis?

Call out to Him in prayer knowing He loves me and cares for me. Trust Him, giving thanks for what He has done and what He has promised. And then obeying whatever He calls me to do no matter how hard it is. And believe with all my heart He is with me and He is in control.

4. What lesson can we take from the experience of Joshua and the Israelites finally crossing the Jordan and then placing the stones as a reminder for generations to come?

They had spent many years wandering in the desert. Their great leader Moses was gone. But still God kept His promise. He rose up a new person, Joshua, to lead them. He had provided up until this point and He continued, even parting the water before they crossed over. By placing the stones, they were marking not only the event of God parting the Jordan River but they were remembering how God had heard their prayers in Egypt’s captivity and He had delivered them and taken them to the Promised Land. God fulfilled His promise to Israel and He will fulfill His promise to you and to me.

5. What has been a spiritual marker (or moment) in your life where you can reflect on God’s presence and power? How can remembering that experience strengthen your trust in Him and prepare you for the future?

Ask the people in your group to think about and share a time when God delivered them, healed them, or spoke clearly to them, or showed them His promise fulfilled, or whatever or however God has revealed Himself and how that experience has increased their faith and trust in God. Ask them what they have done to remember that experience and how they can use it to encourage and teach others of God’s faithfulness. Perhaps they may need to make their own “memorial” reminder of how God was in control and present in their life.