

Small Group Questions

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Series: Fearless

Message: "Courage is..."



In this series, we will make our way through the Old Testament book of Joshua. While there are many themes in the book, we will focus on a theme that starts out the book and then sees many different applications, "be strong and courageous." Joshua contains many moments requiring faith, action, obedience in the face of overwhelming obstacles. Real people were asked to trust God's promises of what He had for them. We will not only better understand those situations for those who walked through them but we will seek to apply them to our lives so that we can move forward in faith, action and obedience.

Life in our broken world will never be free of battles, struggles or opposition. Those realities can cause us to be paralyzed by fear. As Jesus said in John 16:33, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." That statement makes a good summary of the book of Joshua. God wants to build our faith and strengthen us to experience more of what He has for us.

The hope of this series: people take real steps of faith, trusting more in God's promises despite obstacles.

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. What employer-employee, teacher-pupil or coach-player relationship influenced you the most? How so?
2. Complete the sentence: "The time I felt the most afraid was..."

(Questions based on the primary text)

Read Joshua 1:1-9.

3. What major event has just happened (:1)? What kind of dynamics unfold when one leader is gone and a new leader takes over?
4. What promises are given to Joshua (:3-5, 9)? Which promises ask him to remember what God has done in the past? Which ones ask him to look ahead and believe God to show up?
5. Which commands accompany the promises? Which would be the most terrifying for someone trying to succeed Moses' leadership? Why?
6. Which command given to Joshua would be the hardest for you to obey? Why?
7. Which of God's promises would be the most helpful to you right now? Why?
8. How have members of your group helped you in the past?