



SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

FOR THE SERMON PREACHED: April 23, 2017

PASSAGE: Joshua 1:1-18

Strong and courageous: Daring to Boldly Pursue The Mission of God

In this study we will answer the question: How do I move forward and live my life daring to boldly pursue the mission of God?

1. According to Joshua 1:1, Num 27:15-23, and Deut: 34:9, who was Joshua and what made him qualified to boldly pursue the mission of God?

a. Read Joshua 1:1-18 underline the instructions and commands. Double underline the promises.

b. Numbers 13:27-29 records facts the spies brought back from regarding the promised land, why was it necessary in Joshua 1 for God to say be strong and courageous, and keep repeating it? In light of the fact that Joshua was going to face many hardships and battles in the land how can we relate to him? In what ways do God's instructions, commands or promises help you, today, to pursue the mission of God like Joshua?

2. Read Matthew 28:19 – 20. Define the mission of God.

a. Look at the following verses to determine what God expects of the disciple, Esther 4:14-16, 1Peter 2:2, 2Peter 3:18.

3. Since God expects His disciples to grow to be more like Jesus, let's look at the growing commitment of Abraham to the mission of God.

a. Double underline the promises God made to Abraham in Genesis 12:1–8, 15:1–21, 22:15–18. How did Abraham respond to the mission of God and why did this require faith? How does this encourage and challenge you to BOLDLY pursue the mission of God?

b. Choose one of the following contrasts from those in the list below. When did Joshua and Abraham exhibit both godly and ungodly characteristics?

- Faith trust belief or unbelief
- Listening and thinking, concentrating or apathetic
- Committed or unengaged
- Haste,imperativeness or slow
- Purposeful or indecisive

4. As a result of this lesson, where is God calling you to repentance and faith? What is God calling you to be, to do, to read and gauge or raise your level of commitment to the mission of God?

Memory verse: Joshua 1:8