

JOSHUA

TAKE THE LAND

Small Group Questions: Part 1 - Take the Land

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Read

Joshua 1: 1–7; Exodus 17: 17:13–14 and 24:12–13; and Numbers 11:17, 14:6–9

Reflect

There are many formative moments in the faith journey. At times, God calls us to be steady and patient, and at others, to take a major life-changing step. After the death of Moses, God appoints Joshua as the new leader of the Israelites and tells him to step in and take hold of the Promised Land. It is a major turning point in Joshua's journey.

Pastor Josh Walters gives us three ways to take hold of the promises of God:

1. See Every Day as Preparation

- a. The Israelites spent 400 years in bondage in Egypt and then another 40 years in the wilderness. During that time, Joshua served faithfully as Moses's aid, continuing to believe that God would follow through on his promises. What made Joshua able to keep the faith throughout this long journey?
- b. Are you in a season of preparation? At times, have you wondered how long it will go on and if all your preparation and work will make a difference? Explain.
- c. Do you think Joshua would've been the same leader if he had not had that season of preparation? How have seasons of preparation proved to be opportunities for growth in your life?

2. Trust God's Word

- a. What and who do you trust most in your life? Why?
- b. Joshua accompanied Moses on the mountain, but stayed in the tent. God was preparing him to trust in his word. Knowledge and familiarity of his word helped instill confidence. How is God preparing you for a given task?
- c. In reading the Bible, what passages speak to you? What do you think God is trying to tell you through his word?

3. Move Forward in Faith

- a. Joshua was tasked to execute a plan that was several hundred years in the making. How willing are you to fight for something that may take a very long time? How will you prepare for the long haul?
- b. What good works is God calling you forward to do in faith? Do you trust him with the outcome?

God doesn't waste a circumstance. Is it time for you to take a step of faith?

Respond

What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you and hold you accountable in this?