

RUNNING WITH GIANTS #2

Joshua: How to inherit your future!

Life Group Notes



CONNECT QUESTIONS

If you could rule the world for a day name something that you would ban.

What is your best feature – and why?

Joshua 1:1-5 (NLT) After the death of Moses the Lord’s servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ assistant. He said, “Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. I promise you what I promised Moses: ‘Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you— from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.’ No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you.

Joshua is a great hero of the Bible – he accomplished the impossible with God despite incredible odds and opposition! He went through disappointments and battles, yet he never gave up. We often think of David defeating a giant because of his victory over Goliath – however Joshua defeated a nation of giants! We can learn much from Joshua and the lessons he learned through his life.

Check out the next part of the story – **Joshua 1:6-9**. What are some of the key statements that stand out to you in these verses?

Joshua was getting ready to leave the past, and to step into a new future! Before Joshua could do this, he had to move out from the wilderness of disappointment and delay – he had to look forward not backwards. Life experiences can certainly be a great teacher - what keys have you found in your personal journey that have helped you to let go of past hurts and disappointments, and to learn and grow from experiences or mistakes?

Why do you think Joshua was chosen to lead after the death of Moses? How did Joshua position himself for his future? (Check out **Exodus 33:11** and **Numbers 14:6-9**)

One of the keys to planning for our future is to stay in God's word (**Joshua 1:7-8**). God says to read His word and not to depart from it – in other words – don't get side-tracked! Joshua was a very busy man – a soldier and a leader – with very high expectations – his time would have been very precious – yet he remained in God's word. Have you noticed how easy it is to get side-tracked in our walk with God? How do you think we can remain in God's word on a daily basis? What are some of the things that trip you up when it comes to reading God's word – how do you think we can avoid these pitfalls?

Joshua received God's promise, and stood at the border of the land and had a decision to make – to enter or not to enter! He had to step out in faith, and trust that God would do what he promised. What has God promised you? What are you believing for your future? What steps of faith may you need to take in order to see these promises become reality?

Joshua 3:5 ^(NIV) Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you." How do we consecrate (prepare, commit) ourselves today?

PRAYER

Pray for the willingness to be wholeheartedly devoted to God and His word.

Pray for each other – declare God's promises for your future – claim God's best!