

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Joshua 1

These questions are for the **September 22, 2024** message, “The Promise of God’s Presence.” Please read the sermon passage (Joshua 1) together out loud.

Passage Outline

In the Midst of Transition . . .

1. God Speaks Clearly to His People. (1:1-9)
 - a. Although God is sovereign, He works through the efforts of responsive people to accomplish his sovereign will (Joshua was called to “Arise and go...”).
 - b. For those who accept the assignment, God promises His presence.
2. God’s Servant Responds with Courage. (1:10-11)
 - a. Be careful to know the law, *and* to do it.
 - b. Meditate on the Word of God for reassurance.
3. God’s People Display Self-Sacrificing Unity. (1:12-18)
 - a. “All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.” (1:16)

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think God chooses to use responsive people to accomplish His sovereign will?
2. In Joshua 1:2, God gave Joshua clear instruction to “arise,” and to “go.” Often, as in Joshua’s case, there is some risk in obeying God’s call. But what are some risks we might face if we choose NOT to obey?
3. What impact does the presence of God have when those who trust Him are called to navigate unsettling situations?
4. According to Joshua 1:10-15, God asked some of His people to trust him to provide the land and the rest He promised. Before they would receive it, they would need to experience some family separation, and perhaps even the loss of loved ones who were fighting for Israel as it moved into the land God had promised. Describe a time in your life when you were called to do something difficult to honor God’s plan. What are some lessons you learned in the process?
5. Sometimes, when working with a team or a group of people, we find that we are all in agreement about what we are trying to accomplish. But we may find that while we agree on our goals, we all have very different ideas of how to achieve them. Why is it important that we seek unity with others in the church, when it comes to following Jesus? What role does self-sacrifice play in finding that unity?