

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Joshua 24:14-15

These questions are for the **June 15, 2025** message, "**Faithful Fathers.**" Please read the sermon passage (Joshua 24:1-15) together to set the context for our study.

Passage Outline

Joshua (and God) is calling every man to choose . . .

1. To see that God is faithful (fear the LORD, 14)
 - A. Treasure God's grace while you remember where you came from (24:2-3).
 - B. Treasure God's mercy while you "put away" your idols (24:14, 23).
2. To see that God is first (serve the LORD, 14).
 - A. Joshua learned that even as commander of the army, he was #2. God is #1.
 - B. God often humbles us in our area of greatest responsibility / giftedness.
3. To see your place in the family (be the coach, 15).
 - A. The place-Shechem (know your history).
 - B. The stakes-old gods and new ones (know your kids).
 - C. The challenge-As for me and my house (know yourself).

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Developing the ability to view yourself and your family as recipients of God's grace (he gave you what you don't deserve) and mercy (he withholds the judgment that we do deserve) is foundational as we fear the LORD. Tell us about when the grace of God came into your life, or into the story of your family's history. How have you progressed in constantly seeing and savoring God's grace in your life?
2. Based on #2, above: Every parent and every person must learn that no matter their skills, or how the world around us recognizes our abilities, the dedicated Christian is always second; the LORD is our Captain. How have you been humbled in your primary roles and responsibilities? What happens in your spirit and heart when you take yourself out of the #1 position?
3. Based on #3, above: We said that "old idols" are gods of our fathers. These are idols, wrong attitudes and false assumptions that we grew up with, but which must be "put away." What are the old idols that you are tempted to fear and serve?
4. Based on #3, above: We said that "new idols" are the gods of this generation, such as entertainment, values and moral confusion. What are the new idols that are tempted to fear and serve?
5. The thrust is this: "As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Discuss this exhortation. Pray for one another's "house."