

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

PRAY TOGETHER

Lord, Father God, thank you for your faithfulness and for the privilege of gathering in your presence, just as Joshua lingered in the tent of meeting. Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds to your Word so we don't just hear these stories of courage and obedience, but allow them to expose our fear, our murmuring, and our compromises. Give us the humility to be corrected, the boldness to be strong and courageous, and the clarity to see where you are calling each of us to step out in faith. In the mighty name of Jesus, Amen!

ICE BREAKER

If you had to pick a “coach” or mentor from your own life—like Joshua had Moses, or like Fernando Mendoza had coach Cignetti—who would it be, and what's one memorable piece of advice or encouragement they gave you?

SERMON OVERVIEW



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This week, we are joined by our Legacy Pastor, Steve Poe, who takes us on a journey into the life of one of the most courageous leaders in biblical history, Joshua. We discover that Joshua's greatness wasn't born overnight—he spent years serving faithfully in the background, learning from Moses, and staying in God's presence when others walked away. The message draws a compelling parallel between Joshua's journey and our own spiritual preparation, reminding us that we don't rise to the occasion in moments of crisis—we fall back on our preparation. Through Joshua's story, we see that God often does His deepest work in us before He does His greatest work through us. The message powerfully addresses our tendency to forget God's faithfulness when difficulties arise, much like the Israelites who witnessed miracle after miracle yet still complained and doubted. We're reminded that the very things that weaken our faith—our troubles and challenges—are often the tools God wants to use to build our faith. God doesn't cause our troubles, but He absolutely uses them to prepare us and transform us for His glory!

READ SCRIPTURE

JOSHUA 1:1-9, JOSHUA 24:15, HEBREWS 13:5-6, 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

CONNECT RELATIONALLY

1) When you hear Joshua's bold declaration in Joshua 24:15, how does it land with you in light of your own family or close relationships? Does it feel encouraging or inspiring, intimidating, or even a bit unrealistic?

2) Pastor Steve says that God often does his deepest work in us before He does His greatest work through us. Can you think of a season in your life when God was shaping and preparing you internally before using you externally?

3) Pastor Steve also says that when God calls us to action, “there is simply no risk in answering God's call,” yet we often still feel unworthy or underprepared. Reflect on a time when you sensed God strongly calling you to take action. Were you worried or afraid? How did you work through that fear, and how did the situation ultimately turn out?

**GROW
SPIRITUALLY**

4) What specific leadership qualities did Joshua display as he moved from serving as Moses' assistant to leading Israel, and how did his season of preparation shape his readiness to respond to God's call?

5) What does God mean when He tells Joshua three times to "be strong and courageous"? Why does Pastor Steve emphasize that more than 7,000 biblical promises have prerequisites? Practically speaking, what does it look like for you to be strong and courageous in your current circumstances while obeying God?

6) Pastor Steve warned against having a "Neapolitan worldview" - blending biblical values with cultural ideas and influences. How much of your value system is shaped by Scripture versus culture, news, or popular opinion? How do you carefully evaluate and discern the values and ideas you encounter?

**LIVE
GENEROUSLY**

7) Pastor Steve asked us to reflect on what we have been doing to grow in our faith in our seasons of preparation. What spiritual habits have you created in your life that prepare you for the challenges and opportunities that God brings you? Is there a spiritual habit you would like to focus on as an area of growth?

8) What is one "promised land" opportunity (ministry, relationship, career) that you've been avoiding out of fear or comfort? What God-given dream are you abandoning because someone said you weren't qualified? What will you actually do differently in the coming month to move toward it rather than wander?

9) Consider the version of your future self you may be settling for because you're hesitant to be strong and courageous. In what practical ways can you move toward God here, pursuing His Word with trust and obedience and allowing Him to shape your future?

**TAKE
ACTION**

Based on our conversation today, how is the Holy Spirit inviting you to take a next step in practical application? Please answer this statement:

I am feeling convicted to take the following action (keep it simple):

Please ask each member to share their step if they have one. It is ok if you are still discerning and need time to process, pray and ponder.

**PRAY
TOGETHER**

Please take a few moments to ask each member to share a joy or praise and an area of concern. Ask someone to pray over these requests, and please distribute them to all group members so you may continue to intercede for one another between your meetings.

**ENGAGE
TOGETHER**

Northview Worship - Live Album- Join Northview Worship at our Carmel Campus for a powerful and unforgettable night as they record their very first live worship album, Awaken to Wonder. Grab your group and join us for an atmosphere of passionate worship, authentic community, and God's presence.