

The River Church

50/50 Bible Study Challenge - Week 41

Joshua Chapter 1

Memory Verse: Joshua 1:9 (NASB95) Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Talking points:

Joshua’s name in Hebrew means “Yahweh is salvation”. The name Jesus is a derivative of Joshua from the Greek Old Testament. When considering the book of Joshua as a whole, and even the larger message of the Bible; Is there a significance to these two names?

Verses 1-5

Research the boundaries of the land that The Lord promised to Abraham and to Moses (Gen 12:7; 15:7-21; Num 13:17-25; 34:3-12; Deut 1:7-8). Did the Israelites occupy all the territory that was promised? Does Israel still possess the same land today?

When we read the promises in verse 3-5, can we still apply those promises to our own lives today?

Verses 6-9

In this chapter the command “be strong and courageous” is used 4 times, with one of those times saying “very courageous”. Who spoke the command? Is it important? Why or why not?

After reading verse 7, what did Joshua have to do in order to be successful in his military campaign? How can we practice this same strategy today?

What is the “book of instruction/law” referred to in verse 8?

Verse 8 says it “shall not depart from your mouth” and to “meditate” on it. Look up and compare Deut 6:6-9 & Psalm 1:2-3 to verse 8. What does biblical meditation look like?

Verses 10-16

God promised to give the Israelites the land of Canaan but they still had to go out and take it. When God gives us a promise, will it just end up falling in our lap, or does there need to be an activation on our part to receive God’s promise?

Why were the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh singled out?

Verses 13-15 speak about a time of rest. Why was it important that those 3 tribes joined the fight instead of resting in the place that would become their home?