

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Never Been Here Before: Joshua, Part One

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Introduction:

1. What employer-employee, teacher-pupil or coach-player relationship has most influenced your life? In what ways?
2. Would you characterize yourself as an obedient person?
3. God called Moses his “*servant*.” Would he say the same about you? How might God describe you?

Discussion:

4. What promises are given to Joshua (1:3-5, 9)?
5. Do any of these promises apply to believers today?
6. What commands accompany the promises? What is necessary for success? What is Israel’s responsibility in obtaining the land (1:2, 7-18)?
7. See Hebrews 4:11 and 6:12. What is the Christian’s responsibility in attaining our inheritance?
8. Why do you think God repeats “*Be strong and courageous*” so often in chapter 1? (See also Deuteronomy 31:3, 7, 14, 23.)
9. Locate the territory described in verse 4 on a map in the back of your Bible.
10. Why shouldn’t Joshua be afraid (1:5, 9)?
11. The phrase “*be strong and courageous*” in 1:6-7 and 1:9 forms an “*inclusio*” which in Hebrew writing emphasizes the importance of verse 8. Look closely at this verse. How should

we apply this verse?

12. Why should people listen to Scripture?
13. Does God’s promise of prosperity for the obedient apply today?
14. What does it mean to “*meditate*” on Scripture? What does it look like in the life of the believer?
15. The phrase “*be strong and courageous*” might be better translated “*be doggedly courageous*.” How would you rate yourself in the area of courage? Why?
16. What can you do in order to become more courageous?
17. How has your leadership affected your family, your community, your work, etc?
18. This “commission” to Joshua and Israel is not unlike the “Great Commission” given to all Christians. Read Matthew 28:19-20. How are the commands similar?

BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS.