

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

Never Been Here Before: Joshua, Part Five  
February 3 & 6, 2022



### Introduction:

1. Has anything happened recently in your life or in the world that has caused you to feel like you (or we in the world) have never been in exactly this situation, this time and place before?
2. Is it scary/threatening/difficult to be in a situation where it feels like brand new territory?
3. What are some truths to remind ourselves when we're in a new place, new situation, challenging life circumstances?

### Discussion:

4. Read Joshua 24:14-15. Why did Joshua have to tell them to throw away the gods of their forefathers?

Since none of us have literal idols on the mantelpiece, does this pertain to us? How?

5. Are there things/rituals/habits that you've picked up from your family, from your neighborhood, community or your favorite news source that cause your love and devotion to God to shine a little less brightly?

Why is it hard to throw them away?

6. Do you have a generational sin that runs in your family?

How can you break the cycle?

7. Have you ever had a person you look up to disappoint you?

8. Read Romans 1:10-13. What was the Corinthian church doing that Paul felt compelled to correct?
9. Why is it sometimes easier to follow a human being rather than following Christ?

What are some of the problems that develop when Christians identify with a human more strongly than they identify with Christ?

10. Read Joshua 24:2-13. How many times does God say, "I brought you," "I delivered you," "I gave them to you," or other words that indicated that he was the reason for their success?
11. Think about your life and the challenging instances in it, do we recognize God's handiwork in getting us through them, or do we tend to think that it was our decisions, our wisdom and our power that made us who we are?
12. Read Joshua 24:15, John 6:61-69. Were the people being addressed in both scriptures already following God?  
  
Why did he ask them to make a choice?
13. Have you had a pivotal moment where you consciously recognized that you could continue to choose Jesus and go all in, even though others might go a different way?

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