Life Group Discussion Guide

COURAGE TO CLIMB

Joshua 1:1-6 Jason Fox - April 15, 2018



INTRODUCTION

The degree of difficulty is seldom based on the size of our obstacle. It is often based on the size of our fear. When Joshua faced a major obstacle, God gave these instructions. "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them." Joshua 1:6

People saw courage overcome fear in Joshua's life and they followed him. You may not realize it, but people are watching you, particularly when you face life's battles. Keep the obstacle in perspective. Be strong and courageous. Let people see God at work in your life.

DISCUSSION STARTER

- 1. Have you ever willingly chosen something dangerous/scary like the Jones' Angel's Landing hike? Tell the group about it.
- 2. In Joshua 1:1-6 God is prepping Joshua for the big challenge that lay ahead. What phrases or words of wisdom did your mom or dad tell you over and over before you left the house?

EVALUATE IT

- 1. Read Joshua 1:1-6. Why does God repeatedly tell Joshua to be strong and courageous? Why these virtues and not wisdom or leadership?
- 2. Read the spies account in Numbers 14. Twelve people spied on Israel's promised land. When they came back there were two VERY different accounts given. Why? What was the difference?
- 3. Stuart said, "God can ignite courage inside of you." How does God ignite courage inside of us? What can we do to fan the flame of courage He starts?
- 4. Read Joshua 4:4-7. Why was this important? How can we "gather stones" in 2018?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- 1. When challenges arise, are you a Joshua or Caleb or are you one of the ten? Explain.
- 2. What challenge are you dealing with right now or what challenge is God leading you toward? How can we pray for you?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"Fear has only two goals – to get us to either obsess over it, or ignore God over it. Don't take the bait!"

- Bob Goff



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