

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of November 8-14, 2020

“GOD’S WAY OF SUCCESS”

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Everyone has a “weird” side. What would you (or others) consider something that’s weird about you?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Joshua 1:1-9.

1. This was a pivotal moment for Joshua and the people of Israel. What do you think were some of the obstacles that could have stopped their forward progress? With the fact of Moses’ death, how might Joshua have been tempted to live in the “glories of the past” or the “failures of the past” or to stay within his comfort zone?
2. *Share.* Many of our biggest regrets are typically our “inaction regrets.” Have you found that to be true in your life? If so, share an example of how something has kept you from doing what God wanted you to do.
3. What is the key promise in verse 5? How can God’s presence change your outlook on trials, even when your circumstances remain the same? How confident are you of God’s presence in your life and what does that look like in the daily grind, challenges and life’s heartaches?
4. What are the commands in this passage and what are the promises? Which command do you think would have been the most terrifying to Joshua considering he had to fill Moses’ shoes? Which of the commands are the most difficult for you? Why?
5. Pastor Nic from verse 8, discussed three ways that we can anchor ourselves in the Word of God (i.e. proclaim it, possess it, practice it). Share how you have experienced this in your life and discuss ways that you can grow in these aspects.

6. Many Christians live as if God is not very involved in their daily affairs. Why do you think we live this way? Would you say that God wants you to be successful in your life? What does that practically and really mean?
7. [Optional] Read Joshua 23. What similarities do you see with chapter 1, when Joshua was still about to enter the Promised Land, and chapter 23, when he is about to die? What struck you about Joshua’s final words in chapter 23?
8. **[NEXT STEPS]**
The only guarantee for success is God; the results ultimately belong to him.
 - ☐ I will seek God’s purpose for my life.
 - ☐ I will be sensitive to the presence of God.
 - ☐ I will take steps to spend more time in the Word of God.
 - ☐ I will obey the Word of God in the area of _____.

Don’t forget to:

 - ☐ Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
 - ☐ Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God’s Word.
 - ☐ Commit 30 minutes a day for God’s intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a renewed and deeper love for God and his Word and a commitment to meditate and study it daily.
- Pray that your group members would grow more bold and courageous and be ready to face any challenge or battle that God places before them.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.