WORSHIP

Uncharted

Simple Faith | Joshua 3-4

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Write down your observation from today's message:

NEXT WEEK: Uncharted: Joshua 5









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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

1. WELCOME

If anyone has had a significant event in their life this past week, give them a minute to share with the group. If necessary, take some time to pray for any immediate needs right at the beginning of the meeting.

2. VISION/PURPOSE

One of our key ingredients of small group is a relational environment, which involves transparency, confidentiality, and accountability. How can we do a better job keeping each other accountable.

3. SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

Review guidelines (Use "I" Statements, No Fixing, Confidentiality, Listening) that cultivate a healthy environment for sharing and discussion.

4. OPENING PRAYER

5. READ SCRIPTURE PASSAGE/TELL BIBLE STORY PASSAGE

6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use a good mix of Head (informational/study) questions, Heart (personal reflection) questions, and Hand (practical application) questions. Below are questions your group can pick from to follow along with the sermon series.

7. PERSONAL SHARING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

You can share and pray in one group, in smaller groups, or in gender specific groups. Make sure that phone numbers are shared so that encouragement and connection can happen during the week.

QUESTIONS

WARM UP: You are given \$5,000. To benefit from this gift, you have 5 minutes to decide the following:

o You keep the money or give it away, you can't divide it.
o If you give it away, who or what organization will you give it to and why?
o If you keep it, you need to decide how you will spend all of it in 5 minutes...
and you can't put into savings or pay down debt. If you can't decide, you lose all of it.

After the 5 minutes is up, share your answers and reflect on your ability to be decisive and confident as a person in making strong decisions and trusting God with those decisions.

HEAD: These questions help us examine the Word.

- 1. Read Numbers 13:26–33. Take a moment to reflect on all the evidence for believing God that this generation had...but they chose to doubt. How is that possible?
- 2. Then read Joshua 3:14–17. The second generation also had great evidence of God's character. And they believed. What made this generation different?

HEART: These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

- 3. Pastor Steve mentioned the idea of people either being very decisive and confident in making decisions of faith, or being overthinkers, analyzers, or doubters. o If you are more decisive, does this truly help or hinder your faith? o If you overthink or analyze does this help or hinder your faith?
- 4. How have you seen God develop simple faith in you? If you are fully honest, do you practically find yourself choosing to trust Him, or trusting yourself?

HAND: These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into our everyday life.

- 5. As you reflect on the generation in Joshua chapter 3, and the great response of the people, what does a confident, growing faith look like for you?
- 6. What does it mean for you to embrace a simple faith that produces a strong yes?