



Group Discussion Questions

Reaching Forward - March 22, 2020

Group Discussion: What do you remember your parents providing for you in abundance? Of what do you wish they'd have given you more.

Read: Joshua 23-24

Make a list of the leadership qualities you see in Joshua in these last two chapters. Which ones do you think Joshua learned from Moses in his youth? Which ones do you think were displayed by Joshua in the beginning of this book? Which ones do you think he had to develop? Which ones do you think are related to his advanced mature age?

What has God provided for you, it could be the food on your table, the roof over your head or something specific that is just personal to you?

Here are 7 promises that Jesus makes to each of us:

1. Life, "...you will have life and have it abundantly ([John 10:10](#).)
2. Acceptance, "All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away" ([John 6:37](#)).
3. Reward, "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age... ([Mark 10:29-31](#)).
4. Connection, "Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them" ([John 14:21, NIV](#)).
5. Friendship with God, "...I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you" ([John 15:14-15](#)).
6. Real Joy, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete" ([John 15:9-11](#)).
7. Test of Faith

"In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" ([2 Timothy 3:12](#)). Which promise means the most to you and why? How does it work in your life? Do you remind yourself of it often? Which promise feels the most incomplete in your life and why? Is there a way you can ask God to help you experience that promise in a greater way? Joshua says, "...choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." 24:15. What gods are you trying to break free from. Notice Joshua doesn't say, "choose for yourselves today whom you will believe in." He uses the word serve, why the word serve instead of believe? Would we use that word today or the word believe?

Family Time: Read Joshua 24:15 to your kids and ask them how your family "serves" the Lord. Ask them for ideas to serve the Lord and plan a time to do that or take immediate action!