

Joshua 22:1-9 New Living Translation

1 Then Joshua called together the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh. **2** He told them, “You have done as Moses, the servant of the LORD, commanded you, and you have obeyed every order I have given you. **3** During all this time you have not deserted the other tribes. You have been careful to obey the commands of the LORD your God right up to the present day. **4** And now the LORD your God has given the other tribes rest, as he promised them. So go back home to the land that Moses, the servant of the LORD, gave you as your possession on the east side of the Jordan River. **5** But be very careful to obey all the commands and the instructions that Moses gave to you. Love the LORD your God, walk in all his ways, obey his commands, hold firmly to him, and serve him with all your heart and all your soul.” **6** So Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went home.

7 Moses had given the land of Bashan, east of the Jordan River, to the half-tribe of Manasseh. (The other half of the tribe was given land west of the Jordan.) As Joshua sent them away and blessed them, **8** he said to them, “Go back to your homes with the great wealth you have taken from your enemies—the vast herds of livestock, the silver, gold, bronze, and iron, and the large supply of clothing. Share the plunder with your relatives.”

9 So the men of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh left the rest of Israel at Shiloh in the land of Canaan. They started the journey back to their own land of Gilead, the territory that belonged to them according to the LORD’s command through Moses.

Discussion/Journal Questions

How would you describe the “good life?” When all is said and done and you feel like you have lived the life you dreamed of, what would that life look like?

Read Numbers 32:1-33. What agreement did Moses make with the tribes of Reuben and Gad?

Read Joshua 22:1-9. How did these tribes do in fulfilling their end of the agreement?

In Joshua 22:5, why do you think Joshua instructed the people to “be very careful” to obey the Law of Moses?

Why is it that people, including us, tend to drift away from the life God wants us to live?

What five action words does Joshua use to describe the kind of life the people should live?

In the sermon, Sam asked, “Do you live with God or just visit Him on the weekends?” How would you answer?

What changes need to happen for you to live the life God desires? How can your group help you?

Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?

Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?

Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?