

Group Questions – Joshua 8:1-29 – It’s a New Day

Previously in Joshua, the Israelites were defeated in battle because of one man’s sin.

Read – Joshua 7:7

How was Joshua reacting to the defeat?

People handle defeat differently. How do you usually handle defeat?

What do you think effects the way we handle defeat?

Pastor Nate shared how Joshua’s reaction to defeat was to want to go back.

Can you share a time in your life when you just “wanted to go back”?

What causes us to want to go back?

God directed Joshua to deal with the sin, and he did.

Read – Joshua 8:1-2

Joshua wanted to go back, but what was God telling Joshua to do?

God told Joshua not to be afraid. What could cause Joshua to be afraid?

What are some ways fear keeps us from following God?

What helps you to overcome the fear of following God?

Read – Philippians 1:6

How does that verse give you courage to follow God?

Pastor Nate shared, “*God sees you not through your failures but through your future.*”

How can that understanding help you to press forward?

Pastor Nate shared, "Maybe the worst thing that can happen is to go back to normal."

How could a return to normal be a bad thing?

"The pessimist complains about the wind, the optimist expects the wind to change, while the realist adjusts the sails." William Arthur Ward

How can this quote relate to our situation with the current Corona Virus?

How have you "adjusted the sails" during this time?

Read – Philippians 3:13-14

What is the exhortation Paul is sharing in these verses?

What are the dangers of looking back?

Can you share a time in your life when you looked back and it hurt you?

Read – Joshua 8:3-29

God granted them the victory!

Is there an area of your life right now that you fear moving forward because of past failures?

Read – 2 Corinthians 5:17

If you have failed in the past, what do these verses tell you about your future?

Read – Psalm 27:13

What was it that encouraged the psalmist to keep going?

Do you believe God has good things for you in the future?

Read – Jeremiah 29:11

What does this verse say about God's plan for your future?

Close by praying for renewed hope for everyone in your group.