



Bible study for the week starting March 6, 2022

PRAY/SHARE

1. This week is very focused on the life and leadership of Joshua. There were many notable moments / events that were central in his “formation”. Do you consider yourself to be a leader? In which areas of your life is your leadership most sought? / most demanded?
2. Reflect on your life and what would you say are those moments/events that God has been using in your life to elevate your “formation” as a leader?
3. Now that you’ve considered your own life, invite the people in the room with you to share their observations about your roles and giftedness as a leader.

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

4. Review those most prominent events in Joshua’s life and see if together you can assemble a basic timeline. Include a discussion of his family, i.e. parents, wife, children.
5. Hoping this last question stumped you a bit. When I was in Jr High I read a book entitled, “Joshua, Son of None” which was a play on words about our hero, Joshua in scriptures, about a boy/man that had been conceived through cloning. Many theologians see Joshua as a “type” of Jesus Christ. Have a discussion / do a little research on why they think that and read Numbers 13:1-16 as support. Once you have done that on your own ... then read/discuss the paragraph below.

Joshua is derived from the Hebrew Yehoshua composed of two parts. YAH = YAHU, from the name of the Lord, YHWH and YASHA', from a verb meaning to save or deliver. It indicates a move from distress, or evil to a place of safety, i.e. SAVIOR. The corresponding Greek and Latin give us the English name Jesus. He is from the tribe of Ephraim which is often the name in the OT summarizing the 10 northern kingdoms while Judah, the tribe from which Jesus came, summarizes the southern. There is no mention of him having a wife or children – another parallel to Jesus, he was committed to leading the people of Israel into and conquering the Promised Land.

6. Read Deuteronomy 31:16-22 and Joshua 24:19. This was discussed in the sermon this week, but it is a powerful reminder of our absolute dependency on what?

PRAY

7. Pray for one another and our continual reminder of both our thanksgiving for and absolute need of grace as we walk with a holy God. And pray specifically for those in Europe as God uses these events to grow his disciples and, in absolute desperation, convert those who do not yet know Him rather than lean on their own might.



The Right Kind of Leader

Deuteronomy 34:9, Joshua 1:1-9, Joshua 24

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JOSHUA'S "State of the Union" (Joshua 24)

God commissions Joshua – with big shoes to fill (Deut 34:9ff)

God commissions Joshua again in Joshua 13

Joshua commissions God's people in Joshua 24

- Joshua WAS old (13:1) and now even OLDER
- Joshua was a man of courage ?
 - a. God says in Joshua Chapter 1
BE COURAGEOUS 2 times
which perhaps means ...
 - b. Joshua followed the lead of CALEB
at Kadesh Barnea
 - c. Joshua's courage and SUCCESS were
empowered by God's presence (24:5-9)
- "The heart believes what the mind comprehends"
Joshua offers a historical review of facts (Chapter 24)

Life Lessons from Joshua

- Joshua fixed his eyes on the presence and promises of God
rather than fearing the obstacles of the enemy
- Joshua did not quit
- Joshua was a Lone Ranger
- Joshua knew they would FAIL (24:19)
- God's 1st commandment is always
FAITH alone which provides GRACE alone (24:20)