

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: When the people of God courageously follow the plan of God, they begin to walk in the fullness of His promises. This truth is illustrated most powerfully in the book of Joshua, as this 'next-up' leader prepares God's people to step into and occupy the Promised Land after 40 years of wandering. Are you ready to step into your promised life? It's time to take new ground!

Take New Ground:

- **Identify your next, right step.**
- **Prayerfully make a plan.**
- **Share that plan with others.**
- **Courageously move forward.**

Joshua 21:43-45 (ESV) Hebrews 4:6-11 (NLT) Matthew 11:25-30 (NLT)

How to walk into the REST of the gospel?

- Stop trying to earn God's love.
- Stop trying to manage your sin.
- Stop trying to fix your life.
- Start trusting in God's Word.
- Start relying on God's Grace.
- Start asking for help from God's people.

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) When it comes to *Taking New Ground* in your life, are you able to identify the area that God is calling you to take your next, right step? Explain.
- 3) Read Matthew 11:25-30. Do you consider yourself as someone who walks in childlike faith? Is it easy or difficult for you to admit you're weary? Explain
- 4) How do you feel you're doing at experiencing the REST of the Gospel? Which of the six applications to start/stop come most naturally. Which are most difficult? Explain.
- 5) Who do you know that seems to live life at REST with Jesus? Make time to connect with them soon and ask how they live like this.