

## 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.**

### Ephesians 6:10-12 (ESV)

Joshua 7:1; 6; 21 (ESV) Joshua 8:34-35 (ESV) Joshua 9:14 (ESV) Joshua 10:7-25 (ESV)

### How to Deal with Darkness:

- We need to **Explain it.**      **Lies of the Devil    Lust of the Flesh    Lure of the World**

Where are you most susceptible to the **schemes** of darkness?

- We need to **Expose it.**      **Recognize, Repent, Restore, Renew**  
**Unconfessed sin will destroy you!    Do you repent faster than you used to?**

- We need to **Eradicate it.**      **Three Steps: Passion, Plan, Person**

Who do you call when darkness is **winning**?

## 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) When it comes to the lies of the devil, the lust of your flesh, and the lure of the world, where do you struggle the most? Explain.
- 4) Have you ever delayed your repentance and felt the consequences? Do you confess sin quicker now as a result? Explain.
- 5) When it comes to your plan to eradicate darkness from your life, who helps you do this?