

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 1:1-9 (ESV) Exodus 33:10-11 (ESV) Exodus 23:30-31 (ESV)

Why Be Strong and Courageous?

- You alone are weak and afraid.
- Fatigue makes cowards of us all.
- The enemy of faith is fear.
- The fuel of faith is obedience.
- We do our part, God does His.
- Opposition is expected.
- We don't fight for victory, we fight from victory.

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 Joshua 1:7-8. How often do you read/recite/meditate on Scripture? How has this enabled you to *Take New Ground* in your life?
- 4) Which of the seven reasons to be *Strong and Courageous* resonate with you the most?
- 5) Ready Exodus 23:30-31. Have you ever experience the 'little by little' progress of taking new ground as God clears your path *AND* you remove your hindrances/enemies? Explain.