

# **bold** *take the Land*

## PART ONE: TAKE THE LAND

There are many formative moments in the faith journey. At times, God calls us to be steady and patient, and at others, to take a major life-changing step. After the death of Moses, God appoints Joshua as the new leader of the Israelites and tells him to step in and take hold of the Promised Land. It is a major turning point in Joshua's journey. It can be a turning point in your story as well.

**BIG IDEA:** *The now is preparation for the next.*

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Tell about a time you did something risky. Extreme. **bold**. What moved you to do something adventurous like this?

Chris gave us four ways to take hold of the promises of God.

#### ***I. Allow Good dreams to die so that God's dreams can flourish.***

2. *Read Deuteronomy 34.* Who do you suppose buried Moses if he was all alone when he died? Who do you suppose wrote this epitaph for Moses? (*Deuteronomy 34:7-10, 12*)

*Before Joshua steps on the scene—before something is birthed and something new comes to life—something else has to die. In order for the Israelites to get into their promised land, Moses—God's leader—had to die. Sometimes—if we're going to go into the promises God has for us—good things have to die so that others can live. Sometimes good dreams have to die so that God's dreams can flourish.*

3. Sometimes God shows us that even some good things—some Moses things—must die in order for us to gain Momentum and step foot into the Promised Land. What sort of things in your life do you think God wants to end so that new adventures can begin?
4. How did Israel respond to the death of Moses? What happened to Joshua after this? (*Deuteronomy 34:9, Joshua 1*) Why did the Israelites look to Joshua as their new leader?

#### ***II. See Every Day as Preparation***

5. The Israelites spent 400 years in bondage in Egypt and then another 40 years in the wilderness. During that time, Joshua served faithfully as Moses's aid, continuing to believe that God would follow through on his promises. What made Joshua able to keep the faith throughout this long journey?
6. Are you in a season of preparation? At times, have you wondered how long it will go on and if all your preparation and work will make a difference? Explain.
7. Do you think Joshua would've been the same leader if he had not had that season of preparation? How have seasons of preparation proved to be opportunities for growth in your life?

#### ***III. Trust God's Word***

8. What and who do you trust most in your life? Why?
9. Joshua accompanied Moses on the mountain, but stayed in the tent. God was preparing him to trust in his word. Knowledge and familiarity of his word helped instill confidence. How is God preparing you for a given task?
10. In reading the Bible, what passages speak to you? What do you think God is trying to tell you through his word?

#### ***IV. Move Forward in Faith***

11. Joshua was tasked to execute a plan that was several hundred years in the making. How willing are you to fight for something that may take a very long time? How will you prepare for the long haul?
12. What good works is God calling you forward to do in faith? Do you trust him with the outcome?

#### **MOVING FORWARD**

God spoke, and Joshua did. When God spoke, Joshua moved forward. God told Joshua, “I will give you every piece of land you set your foot.” Consequently, if Joshua didn’t take any steps? God wasn’t going to give him any land. Joshua had to move forward in faith.

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We have to move forward in faith. So what kind of steps of faith might God be calling you to make? Is it time for you to take a step of faith?

#### **CHANGING YOUR MIND**

*“Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*  
*Joshua 1:6-9*



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