

## For Class Interaction and Discussion

### *Lesson Outline*

#### **1. Joshua's Background:**

- Exodus 17.8-13 - Battle Against the Amalekites
- Exodus 33.11 - Joshua's Role as Moses' Assistant
- Numbers 14.8-9 - Joshua as One of the 12 Spies
- Numbers 27.18-23 - Joshua Appointed as Moses' Successor
- Deuteronomy 31.7-8 - The Commissioning of Joshua

#### **2. Overview of Joshua's Display of Courage:**

- Numbers 14.6-9 – His Faithful Report
- Joshua 3.7-17 – At the Red Sea Crossing
- Joshua 10.6-14 – Boldness in the Face of Great Opposition

#### **3. Joshua at the End of His Life:**

### *Thought Questions for Discussion*

1. Reflect on the significance of Joshua's original name "Hoshea" and the change to "Joshua". What does this reveal about the role of divine purpose in our identities?
2. In what ways can we emulate Joshua's dedication and service as seen during his time as Moses' assistant?
3. Contrast the response of Joshua and Caleb to the other ten spies. How does this speak to the role of faith in confronting challenges?
4. Discuss how Joshua's appointment as Moses' successor illustrates the principle of spiritual mentorship and succession planning in leadership.
5. What does "be strong and courageous" mean to you in the context of your personal life and spiritual walk?

#### **Joshua 24.14-15 CSB**

**14** "Therefore, fear the Lord and worship him in sincerity and truth. Get rid of the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and worship the Lord.

**15** But if it doesn't please you to worship the Lord, choose for yourselves today: Which will you worship—the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living? As for me and my family, we will worship the Lord."

6. How did Joshua's faith in God's promises affect his leadership decisions during key moments such as the crossing of the Jordan River?
  
7. Analyze the scenario of Joshua's prayer for the sun to stand still. How does this inform our understanding of prayer and God's power?

### ***Group Activity***

**Group Discussion:** Discuss how trust in God is like or different from the trust we place in others.

### ***Walking with God Today***

As we close today's lesson on Joshua, remember that the same God who was with Joshua is with us today. His promises are real, His presence is sure, and His power is unmatched. As Joshua did, let us serve faithfully in the roles we are given, for in due time, God prepares us for greater tasks. Stand firm in your faith, even when others may waver, and remember that your courage comes from the Lord. Be strong and courageous, not because of your strength, but because of His presence with you.