



Courage

Discussion Guide | June 14th, 2020
Before you begin, please read Joshua 1:1-9.

1. In your own words, how would you define courage?
2. What examples of courage come to mind, when you think about this virtue?
3. Why is courage important in healthy relationships?
4. C.S. Lewis said, "Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at its testing point." Explain what this means in your own words. How does this reinforce the value of courage?
5. From your reading of Joshua 1:1-9, why is this an important passage to turn to for learning about godly courage?
6. In Joshua 1, Joshua needs courage to take new ground in line with God's promises and purpose. From this historical reality, what principles carry over for courage in key relationships in your life?
7. "Godly courage is shaped by God's Word." Look closely at Joshua 1:7-8. What commands does God give Joshua regarding God's Word?
8. What priority does God's Word have in your own life? How is God's Word connected to godly courage? Explain your answer.
9. Make a list of all the ways God's presence with Joshua stands out from this passage.
10. How does the assurance of God's presence with you help motivate your own courage? (For other verses on God's presence with His people, see Matthew 28:18-20; John 14:16-18; and Romans 8:15-16.)
11. What is one step of godly courage you can take in a key relationship in your life, in view of what you've learned from Joshua 1?
12. **Challenge – Memorize Joshua 1:8-9:** 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."