



Faith Community Church
Be Strong
(Joshua, Part 1)

Faith Group Questions
& Discussion Guide



Opening Prayer: Ask for God's presence as we seek to know His Word and walk in obedience.

Icebreaker: Share about a time when you had to step into a new role or season of life. What emotions did you experience? What helped you move forward?

Key Takeaways:

1. God fulfills every promise - If He brought you out, He's bringing you in.
2. Comparison weakens us. Taking our eyes off God and His promises leads to insecurity and fear.
3. Strength comes through four practices: Learning to:
 - Leave the past behind
 - Live according to God's Word (speak it, meditate on it, hold onto it)
 - Move forward in obedience
 - Live in God's presence
4. Obedience precedes understanding - Your heart may receive what your mind isn't ready for yet.

Discussion Questions:

1. Did you practice last week caring, praying, planning, casting vision, or having courage?
2. Why do you think God specifically reminded Joshua that "Moses is dead" before giving him his new assignment? (Joshua 1:1-2, also see the transition in 2 Chron 33-34)
3. What past experiences (good or bad) might be holding you back from stepping into what God has next for you? (Philippians 3, 1 Corinthians 15:9-10)
4. We can become "selective" with parts of the Bible we like or don't like. Why is this dangerous? (Galatians 1:6-10, Acts 20:27, Matthew 4:4, Joshua 1:7, James 2:10)

5. What helps you move from simply reading God's Word to actually meditating on and speaking it? (Psalm 1:1-3, Colossians 3:16)

6. Joshua was called to "arise and go" without knowing all the details. When has God called you to obey before you fully understood? (Hebrews 11:8-13)

7. The pastor said, "Faith doesn't need the details if it knows the direction." How does this statement challenge or encourage you? (Psalm 32:8, Proverbs 3:5-7)

8. Is there an area where God has been calling you to obedience, but you've been waiting for more clarity or comfort? What's holding you back? (Matthew 1:24, 2:14,21)

9. How does knowing "God is with you wherever you go" change the way you approach challenges? (Joshua 1:9, Deuteronomy 20:1, Psalm 27:1-2)

10. What practices help you stay aware of God's presence throughout your day?

Practical Applications: Choose at least one action step to take this week.

1. Leave the Past Behind. Write down one thing from your past (hurt, failure, or even success) that you need to release to God. Pray over it and symbolically let it go (tear up the paper, etc.).

2. Meditate on God's Word. Choose one promise from Scripture and write it on a notecard. Place it where you'll see it multiple times daily. Speak it out loud, think about it, and pray it back to God throughout the week.

3. Move Forward in Obedience. Identify one area where you know God is calling you to obey but you've been hesitant. Take one concrete step of obedience this week (sign up for baptism, have that difficult conversation, start that ministry, etc.).

4. Practice God's Presence. Set three alarms on your phone throughout the day. When they go off, pause and simply acknowledge God's presence with you. Say out loud: "God, You are with me right now."

Closing Prayer: Father, thank You for Your faithfulness to fulfill every promise You make. Help us to be strong and courageous, not in our own strength, but in Yours. Give us the courage to leave the past behind, to hold onto Your Word, to move forward in obedience, and to live every moment aware of Your presence. We trust that if You brought us out, You'll bring us in. In Jesus' name, Amen.