



Faith Community Church
Be Brave
(Joshua, Part 3)

Faith Group Questions
& Discussion Guide



Opening Prayer: Begin your time together in prayer, asking God to give us humble hearts willing and able to hear, submit, and obey.

Icebreaker: Share a time when you and someone else had different agendas. How did you decide which agenda to follow?

Key Takeaways:

1. We can choose to make decisions based on our fear or on our faith.
2. Fear - choosing not to believe in God and His ability - is rebellion and sin.
3. If you've ever said, "God, I'll serve you IF..." then God is not your commander.
4. Encountering God and making Him LORD makes us brave and is critical to winning the battles in our lives.

Discussion Questions:

1. Did you choose to reach out to an unlikely believer, hang the scarlet cord in your window, obey without hesitating, or surrender your conditions on following Christ?
2. Have you ever avoided a battle because of fear and then had to face it again? How can you face repeat battles differently? (Numbers 13:25-33, Joshua 5:13-15)
3. We often excuse fear as a "proclivity." How does God see our fear? How should that change how we treat fear? (Numbers 14:11-12, 1 Samuel 15:22-24)
4. In what ways do you go to God with your own agenda? (Joshua 5:13, Mark 10:35-40)
5. What are practical ways to join God in HIS agenda? Will you pray the "YOUR kingdom, YOUR will" portions of the Lord's Prayer differently? (Prov 3:5-7, Js 4:13-17)

6. We sometimes look at the God of the Old Testament as a God of judgment, and the God of the New Testament as a God of love and grace. Because we know God does not change, how can you reconcile those concepts? (Hebrews 10:19-34)

7. How do we sometimes treat God's presence too lightly? (2 Samuel 6:5-10)

8. How do we get a true picture of God and His greatness? Come up with a list of stories and verses that you can meditate on that remind you who God truly is.

9. How can meditating on the greatness of God make us brave? (Psalm 18:27-42)

Practical Applications:

1. Use the list of stories and verses about God from #8 above. Focus on, meditate on, a different one each day this week. Journal how that changes YOU.

2. As you pray this week, start by asking God what His will is in each situation. Find Scriptures you can pray over your situations.

3. Think of someone in your life with whom you differ on the way a task should be done (not biblical differences or life-threatening situations, just preferences). Hand the reins over to the other person this week and pray for God to be glorified in the relationship and the task. (This is very difficult for control freaks, I know!) Take notes on how this makes you feel about giving God control. Share next week.

4. If you are facing a battle of any kind, find Scriptures on the aspects of God that specifically apply to your battle. Post them around your home and computer/phone. Memorize them and see if they help you BE BRAVE.

Closing Prayer: Almighty God, help us this week to get a bigger, truer picture of who You are. And help us to step into battles bravely, with YOU as our Commander.