



Community Group Discussion Guide
“Courage Follow God to Our Future” – Joshua 1:1-9
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Main thought:

Courage to follow God into our future comes from trusting the God who goes with us.

Ice-Breaker

- What’s something you were afraid to do the first time, but now you don’t think twice about doing?

Questions

1. What stood out to you from the passage or message this week?
2. Joshua had spent years following Moses, but eventually he had to step forward and personally trust God. Who has been an important model of faith for you? What have you learned from watching them? How has their example helped you develop your own faith?
3. Joshua had tried to influence the Israelites to trust God and enter the Promised Land before, but they rejected him. How can past disappointments, failures, or hurts keep us from following God into something new? Is there something from your past you need to learn from without allowing it to define your future?
4. God told Joshua to meditate on His Word and carefully obey it. Why do you think knowing and obeying God’s Word is so important when we’re facing an uncertain future? Can you think of a time when Scripture gave you direction or courage when you needed it?
5. Talk about the principle, “Take the next step even when you don’t know the whole plan.” Why do we often want God to show us the whole plan before we’re willing to take the next step? What does trusting God with what we don’t know look like practically?
6. God repeatedly told Joshua, “I will be with you” and “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” How does knowing God is with us change the way we face fear, change, or uncertainty?
7. What uncertain situation or transition are you facing right now? Of the four principles from the message, which one do you most need to put into practice this week?
 - a. Don’t let your **past** keep you from moving forward.
 - b. Let God’s **Word** guide your way forward.
 - c. Take the next **step** even when you don’t know the whole plan.
 - d. Depend on the constant **presence** of God wherever He leads you.

Prayer: Take some time to pray for each other.