



ORIGINS

Small Group APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22 NIV

SUMMARY

Pastor Billy Venezia shared a message entitled, “A Tale of Two Eras” as we took a high-level look at the books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth. In the book of Joshua, we saw Israel receive the Promised Land under the courageous leadership of Joshua. In Judges, we saw the next generation in Israel, a generation who didn’t know the Lord. And Ruth was a beautiful story of

APPLICATION

- 1. God promised Joshua one of the greatest gifts - His presence (see Joshua 1:5).**
 - Why was it so important that God promised Joshua of His presence?
 - Talk about a time when you’ve experienced God’s presence in a time of trial or difficulty.
- 2. In the midst of fear, God told Joshua to be strong and courageous (see Joshua 1:6-7,9).**
 - In what ways are you currently experiencing fear?
 - In the midst of your fear, how do these verses minister to you?
- 3. God told Joshua that He’d be successful if he would meditate on God’s Word and obey it (see Joshua 1:8)**
 - What does it look like for you to move from simply *reading* God’s Word to *meditating* on it?
- 4. Israel suffered as a result of one man (Achan) who wrongfully concealed stolen items that God prohibited him from having.**
 - Talk about a time when you’ve concealed something that was outside of God’s plan for you.
 - What consequences arose?
- 5. The following generation(s) after Joshua didn’t know the Lord (see Judges 2:10-13).**
 - How have past generations failed or succeeded to transfer the knowledge of truth to us?
 - In your sphere of influence, how can you help the next generation know the Lord?
- 6. In the dark days of the judges, God was still at work (see Ruth 1:1).**
 - Share an example from your own life, or someone you know, where God’s work was clearly evident.

PRAYER

To be courageous in our faith and be engaged in raising up the next generation of believers.

