



Joshua 1:1-18

God Has a Plan

- I. God has a plan & it involves _____ (Joshua 1:1-5; Ephesians. 2:10; & Romans 10:13-14).

- II. God has a plan & it involves _____ (Joshua 1:6-11 & Hebrews 11).

- III. God has a plan & it involves _____ (Joshua 1:10-18, 24:15).

Additional Notes:



Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. Where do you think the hinge or dividing point in your Bible is?
2. What role does the book of Joshua play? How does it relate to the Abrahamic & Mosaic covenants?
3. What three things does Joshua 1 teach us about God's plan? How did these impact you?
4. "God buries His workmen, but *His work goes on.*" (John Wesley) How might the Israelites have felt after the death of Moses? How do you cope after the death of a honored leader, beloved mentor, or close friend?
5. Read Joshua 1:5. Joshua & the Israelites faced great armies and enemies - and everything seemed wrong. What seems wrong in our world, country, local place? How do we respond and in what do we trust in the face of these issues?
6. What alternate explanations of history did Sean mention? What alternate explanations of history do you encounter in your daily living? How do these counter-explanations (also known as worldviews, meta-narratives) fall short when compared with the biblical explanation?
7. How did God prepare Joshua for his calling/work?
8. Read Ephesians 2:10. What does Scripture say that God has prepared you for? What tasks does God have for you?
 - A. What specific tasks do you face right now?
 - B. How has God prepared you?
 - C. If time allows, consider passages like: Micah 6:8, 1 Corinthians 7:17, 2 Timothy 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 4:3 & 5:18, Hebrews 13:15-16. What do these passages reveal about God's tasks/calling for you? What can we learn from these passages?

12. "God uses men weak enough to rely on Him." (Hudson Taylor)
 - A. Why might Joshua have felt inadequate? Why did Moses feel inadequate (hint: Exodus 4:10)?
 - B. Why do you feel inadequate? Why might God use those who feel (and are) inadequate (hint: Sean gave several suggestions)?
 - C. What does James 4:6 explain about people who are inadequate? How does this verse encourage you?
13. What do Hebrews 11:1 & 11:6 say about what God's plan involves?
14. How do Hebrews 11:1 & 11:6 explain what faith entails?
15. What do we need to have faith in? (hint: Joshua 1:6, 9, 7-8).
16. What is the difference between saying that God's plan involves me and saying that God's plan involves us? How do these two claims impact or affect you?
17. When faced with enemies, the uncertainty of war, a new leader, and new commands from God – what choice do Joshua and the Israelites make?
18. What choice have you made? Are you continually choosing to continue God's work (John 9:4, compare Ecclesiastes 9:10, Colossians 4:5)? What difficulties or temptations do you face in that choice? How can those in your group support you and/or pray for you in that choice?