

## Origin Stories 5: “A Place for Everyone to Settle In” ~ Joshua 13:8, 14:1-5, 20:1-6, 21:1-3 & 21:43-45

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### First Things First:

- This lesson shows how the Israelites shift from being nomadic people to settlers with a permanent residence of their own
- The Levites were the priests, worship leaders, choir members and musicians for the entire nation
- The six Cities of Refuge were Kedesh, Shechem, Hebron, Bezer, Ramoth in Gilead and Golan; all six of which were also Levitical cities

1. What’s the difference between advising someone “to settle” and advising them “to settle in”?

“To Settle” means...	“To Settle In” means

2. How might a family member becoming the first person to own a home affect other family members’ sense of security and/or potential to thrive for generations to come?

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### Let’s Get After It:

3. Now that we’ve read the lesson, what are your first impressions of the text?

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4. Why do you think six of the Levitical cities were also the six Cities of Refuge?

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5. What lets you know that God is concerned about every group feeling like they are an important part of the community as a whole?

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6. What steps can local church leaders take to make sure that everyone who so desires can settle into the worship and ministry life of the congregation?

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7. What are some modern day “city of refuge” style groups that meet and/or offer services in places of worship today? (Hint: In this sense, “city of refuge” groups would be those groups to which people in crisis come to get help so they can manage their challenges without causing harm to others.)