



## Be Strong & Courageous

May 31, 2020

### Reading/Group Discussion

#### Begin with prayer (5 minutes)

As you begin your virtual gathering, have someone open your time together by praying that the Holy Spirit would lead and guide your time.

#### Read this overview

The book of Joshua is an exhilarating book filled with stories of courage, faith, and the miraculous provision of God. It continues the story of the people of Israel as they journey to inherit the land that God promised them.

This past weekend Dan taught us from Joshua 1 about godly leadership, the importance of mission and obedience, the power of God's presence, the significance of Scripture, and the necessity of courage.

As we study Joshua together, we'll continue learning about God's power and promises, as well as the steps we can take to claim new ground for God's glory in and through our lives.

#### Talk through this past weekend's sermon & encourage one another (40 minutes)

Here are a few questions to guide this time:

- How did this weekend's sermon deepen your faith? How did it challenge you? Explain.
- In what ways or areas of your life do you feel God might be inviting you to take ground in? What makes you think that?
- In what ways or areas of your life do you feel as if the enemy has taken ground in your life? Explain.
- In this sermon, Dan mentioned three things that helped the Israelites experience breakthrough and victory: presence, Scripture, and courage. Which of these three things is most prevalent in your life? Which is most lacking? Are you comfortable with your answer? Why or why not?
- If you had to put a distance (number of inches, feet, yards, miles) on how close God feels to you, what distance would you say? Why?
- When it comes to God taking new ground in and through your life, when and how has Scripture been a helpful resource in bringing that to fruition?
- What areas in your own life do you need to hear God speak over you, "Be strong and courageous?"
- What might God be practically inviting us as a group to do as a result of this message in order to look, live, and love like Jesus?

This past weekend, Dan introduced the idea of how God wants to claim new ground in and through our lives. Spend some time discussing what that might look like for you right now with the following questions:

- What do you sense God doing **in** you that you need to respond to?
- What do you sense God doing **around** you that you think he is inviting you into?
- What do you sense God doing **through** you that you need courage for?

**Finish with prayer (5-10 minutes)**

You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.