

SERMON NOTES



This week's sermon
NEXT III: WHERE THE FEET FALL
Joshua 1:1-9

Lessons From God's Instructions to Joshua:

1. We must go with the authority of God.
2. We must go in the power that comes from the presence of God.
3. We must do things God's way (that is, obedient to His word).
4. We must courageously risk to accomplish His work.

"Be strong and courageous . . . for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

We desire to ". . . expand, plant, and grow elder-led campuses in Pennsylvania while investing in world missions, in order to increase the number of believers that have access to a healthy church." (our Church mission statement).

Digging Deeper into the Message

Read Joshua 1:1-9 and answer the questions below.

Joshua is coming right after Moses – the greatest leader in Israel up to this point. How do you think he must be feeling in this moment?

What is God commanding Joshua to do? (verses 2-4)

How will Joshua have the power to do this? (verse 5)

Why do you think God keeps repeating “be strong and courageous”?

God tells Joshua to obey all the law in verse 7. How is he supposed to accomplish this? (verse 8)

What blessing will Joshua get if he is faithful to the Law? (verse 8)

Write verse 9 below. Meditate on it this week.

Community Group

ICEBREAKER: Which “bible character” do you relate to the most? Why?

QUESTIONS:

- ❖ How would you explain the NEXT initiative to someone who is just tuning in?
- ❖ Have any of your thoughts and feelings changed since you first heard about the NEXT initiative?
- ❖ Why do you think God repeated “be strong and courageous” four times in his charge to Joshua?
- ❖ Does the idea of giving more money to the church give you any fears? What are they? Are there any fears about Harvest’s resolve to keep growing and taking risks?
- ❖ Read the front of the MAP.
- ❖ What are we supposed to be doing here on earth while we wait for Jesus to come back?
- ❖ Which of the 4 lessons from God’s Instructions to Joshua (front of MAP) sticks out to you the most? Why?
- ❖ Read Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8. How do these passages relate to the 4 lessons from Joshua?
- ❖ For a more in depth study of Joshua 1:1-9, review the Digging Deeper portion of the MAP.

APPLICATION: Fill out your commitment card if you haven’t done so already. Continue to be in prayer that God will move the hearts of everyone at Harvest to give of their first-fruits. You can even pray through the directory if you have one!