



Connect Discussion Guide

4.25.21 Message | Tyler Myers | Joshua 1:1-9, 24:14-28

God's speaks that we might be renewed, changed and transformed!

Key Scriptures:

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel...Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you...Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

- Joshua 1:1-2, 5-7, 9

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal...Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things...Love never ends...So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

- 1 Corinthians 13:1, 4-7, 13

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

- Isaiah 55:6-9

Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

- Joshua 24:14-15

Message Highlights:

- How we hear God's voice plays a key role in what we hear from God.
- Following the voice of God involves a commitment to the teachings of Jesus and walking alongside him in relationship with others.

- There is no easy button for navigating the noise of the world wisely, but there is One who invites us to be renewed, changed and transformed.
- “We see something interesting as a pattern in Scripture. When someone asks God for direction but they aren’t following the existing direction He has already given them, God often won’t tell them something new.” - Tara-Leigh Cobble, *The Bible Recap Podcast*
- We are responsible for learning to listen so we can find and follow God’s voice with greater clarity.

Conversation Starter:

- We exist in a world that thrives off of convincing you and I that we are the center of the universe; how can we lean well into this tension, denying ourselves and taking up our cross daily?

Discuss the Message:

1. We have to intentionally make the choice to decide which voice is going to set the tone in our lives; what does it practically look like to step up in this capacity and shoulder this weighty responsibility?
2. How do we seek the perspective and guidance of the Voice of God without distorting or manipulating it?
3. What encouragement do we find in Joshua 1, verses 5 and 9? Talk about a few ways this truth permeates in your daily life, allowing you to “be strong and courageous” (v.9).
4. 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 is frequently read at weddings, but its original context in Scripture is describing God’s way of love among fellow Christ followers. In what ways does God’s way of love differ from the way of our culture? How does embracing God’s way of love open our lives to hear his voice more clearly?
5. How will you listen and allow the Voice of God to transform you and the tensions in your life?

Pray:

Heavenly Father, thank you for speaking into our lives through Scripture, through the life of your Son, Jesus, and through your Holy Spirit. We commit ourselves to the teachings of Christ and to walking alongside him in relationship with others. Help us to quiet the noise of the world around us and within us so that we can hear your voice. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to obey your voice that we might learn to hear your voice all the more clearly, that we might be renewed, changed and transformed. Amen.