

Joshua Series #1 Into God's Promise Joshua 1:1-18

- 1. Share your experiences of waiting on promises. How did you feel when the promise was fulfilled? On the other hand, how did you feel if it was not fulfilled?
- 2. If you are comfortable, share about a promise from God that you are still waiting to be fulfilled. What attitudes do you think God expects from us as we are waiting for His promises to be fulfilled?
- 3. In what ways can we collaborate/partner with God to fulfil His promises?
- 4. Why do you think God wants to partner with us in order for us to claim what he has promised?
- 5. What do you think hinders you to be able to trust that God is able to keep His promise? What are you going to do about it after listening to God's word as shared by Ps Jeremy?
- 6. Read Joshua 1:7-9 If you are a leader whether it is at your work place, home, school, church or community, what are some leadership qualities that you want to show to the people under your leadership, and why?

#### Personal question

7. Share as much as you are comfortable with about something God is leading you through right now, which you think will lead to His promise being fulfilled within your life.



#### Joshua Series #2 From House of Shame to Hall of Fame Joshua 2:1-24

- 1. If you are in a similar situation like Rahab (i.e. whether to hand or not to hand the two spies to the king's men), what would you have done? Why?
- 2. The Bible does not make any attempt to cover Rahab's occupation as a prostitute. In the same way, it does not hide the failures and flaws of many heroes of the faith. For example, Jacob was a schemer and deceiver; David was an adulterer and a murderer. Why does God allow their stories as well as others to be recorded in His Holy Word? Discuss.
- 3. Give one example from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament of someone who acted courageously for the sake of God. What was his / her courageous act and what was the result? What can you learn from these?
- 4. Identify at least two biblical characters (besides Rahab, Paul and Peter) whose lives were dramatically changed by God and who were mightily used by Him. How have their stories challenged you?
- 5. Are you currently serving at HVMC? If not, why not? How have the story of Rahab helped you?
- 6. What can you do to make your Christian faith known to your unbelieving family members, relatives, colleagues and friends?
- 7. What is the one or more things that God has challenged your heart today from the passage? What will you do about it? Share with your group and pray for one another.



Joshua Series #3 Twelve Stones Joshua 3:1-5:15

1. Identify a family tradition that you want to pass on to your children and your children's children. What is the significance/importance of that tradition that you want to pass it to your next generation?

Read Numbers 1:47-53; 3:5-13; Deuteronomy 18:1

- 2. The Levites play important roles in the midst of Israel as God's people. Identify the duties and the privileges of the tribe of Levi.
- 3. Read Exodus 25:10-22; Numbers 10:33-36; Joshua 3:1-4 The Ark of the Covenant also plays a very important role in the Israelites' journey from Egypt to Canaan. What does the Ark of the Covenant represent? What are its functions? How should the people have treated the Ark of the Covenant?

Read Joshua 4:5-7 and 1 John 1:1-4

4. Why is it important to tell our 'future generations' and 'all who are around us' of the provision of God?

Joshua 3:10, 4:22-24; Jeremiah 31:33-34; Hebrews 10:15-17

- 5. How do we move from knowing God 'just' in our minds, to knowing Him in our hearts?
- 6. For the Israelites, circumcision is a mark to remind them that they belong to God and that the LORD is their God. Referring to Romans 2:29, what does circumcision of the heart mean for you? How do you show others that you belong to God?
- 7. What purposes have God called HVMC as a people to? How can you step forward to serve God together as God's people?



#### Joshua Series #4 Responding and Experiencing God's Promises Joshua 6:1-8:35

- 1. Share a frightening experience in the past. It does not have to be a life and death experience but anything that made you scared. At that point of time, who or what did your mind go to for help? What were the other thoughts that ran through your mind?
- 2. Please share what you think is your Jericho, how would you conquer it and what are the obstacles that hinder you from conquering it. As you identify your obstacles, how will Joshua's respond to God's promises challenge/encourage you in overcoming your obstacles.

#### Read Joshua 6:2-5, 15-16

3. What was God's instruction to Joshua? Why should he follow exactly what God has commanded to him to do?

#### Read Joshua 2:23; 6:22-25

4. How does Joshua's command to the spies to keep their promise to Rahab challenge you as a Christian?

# Read Joshua 7:2-5, 10-12

5. Identify the cause of the defeat of Israel's army against Ai.

#### Read Joshua 7:10-12, 25-26; Romans 3:21-26

- 6. Disobedience will always lead to destruction, yet God in His mercy always provides restoration. How does the cross of Jesus meet the demand of God's mercy and holiness that requires the punishment of sin and disobedience? Discuss.
- 7. Why is reading the entire Bible so important? If you have not read the entire bible even once, what is holding you back? Share your struggle in doing your personal quiet time in reading the Bible then close in praying for one another.



Joshua Series #5 The Sun Stood Still Joshua 9:1-12:24

1. Share an experience of making a promise to someone and regretting it after.

*Read Matthew 5:33-37* 2. What did Jesus teach on taking oaths before God and others?

- 3. Read Joshua 9 and identify the reasons why the Israelites fell into the Gibeonites' trap. What are some lessons we can learn from this story?
- 4. How does "asking counsel from the Lord" fit into your regular decision making process? (Josh 9:14)
- 5. Have you asked God to perform miracles in your life in the same way that "Joshua spoke to the Lord" in Joshua 10:12? Share with one another the experience.

# Read Joshua 11:11-15, 20

- 6. Why did God command the Israelites to destroy all of the inhabitants in the land of Canaan?
- 7. Is there anything in your life that hinders you from being holy and pure before the Lord that you need to "destroy?" Share as you are comfortable.



Joshua Series #6 Faithful to the End Joshua 14:6-14

- 1. Share an experience where you had to stand up for your belief or conviction regardless of opposition from the majority. What did you stand up for? How did you feel to be different from the majority?
- 2. Identify two Bible characters from the Old Testament, beside Caleb and Joshua who courageously stood up for their faith despite death threat.

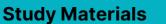
*Read Joshua 14:8, 9, 11; Numbers 14:24* 3. What does follow God fully mean to you

*Read Numbers 13:30; 14:8*4. How did Caleb's unshakable faith challenge you to live differently from the world?

*Read John 17:14-18*5. What does it mean to live differently from the world while we are in the world?

*Read Ephesians 6:10-17* 6. Why do we need to heed Paul's advice to put on the full armour of God?

7. Is there anything in your lifestyle that you need to let go in order for you to live differently from the world? If there is, what is that? Share with your group and ask them to pray for you for God's strength and courage to let go of it.





# Joshua Series #7 The Inheritance Joshua 18:1 – 19:51

- 1. Share a time when you were stuck in a "spiritual rut". What was that experience like?
- 2. The 3Cs that hinder us from claiming our inheritance are complacency, compromise and complaining. Which of these are you most prone to?
- 3. Is there an area of your life that God has convicted you to work on today?
- 4. What spiritual rhythms have you established to ensure that God is kept in the center of your life? What has been the most helpful for you?
- 5. Do you have others in your life who have permission to keep you accountable for your actions? What is preventing you from doing so? How have you benefited from this?

6. Joshua is an example of a faithful man and a good leader. What have you learnt from Joshua's example in this passage? What would you like to incorporate into your own life and leadership of others?



# Joshua Series #8 Where is Your City of Refuge? Joshua 20:1-9

- 1. Share a personal experience where you had to run to someone or somewhere to seek protection or find a solution to your problem. What was the outcome?
- 2. How can we seek refuge in God during times of trouble or distress, and what are some practical ways we can do this?
- 3. How does the concept of the cities of refuge illustrate God's desire to provide safety and refuge for His people, especially during times of crisis and trouble? In what ways is this similar to the refuge that is available in Christ?
- 4. How can we practically wait on the Lord and depend on Him in all circumstances to receive His strength during difficult times?
- 5. What are some examples of situations in which God may not necessarily remove difficulties from our lives, but instead give us the strength to overcome them? Please share your personal experience if you are comfortable.
- 6. What are some examples from the Bible that illustrate the truth that God is present with us even in the midst of trials and challenges?
- 7. How does knowing Jesus as your refuge and strength provide true peace in the midst of life's storms? If you are comfortable, share in your group a personal experience where you still have peace in the midst of trouble because you trust in Jesus.



# Joshua Series #9 In Love and Unity Joshua 22:1-34

1. Share an occasion when you had a major disagreement with a sibling or member of the family. How was it resolved?

*Read Genesis 48* 2. Who are the "half-tribe of Manasseh" and why is it called a "half-tribe."

#### Read Joshua 22:21-29

- 3. What were the reasons behind the building of the replica altar by the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh on the eastern side of the Jordan River?
- 4. What were the differences between the altar in the tabernacle that Moses built and the altar that the Eastern tribes built? (See Ex 20:24; 27:1-8; Lev 1:1-3) Why was it not a "breach of faith" against God?
- 5. What can we learn about communication and unity from the interaction between the Eastern tribes and the rest of the people of Israel?
- 6. The Eastern tribes intended the replica altar to be a witness to the true altar in the tabernacle at Shiloh. In our own time, how can we express this idea of "witness" in our worship lives and also for the sake of our children? (Jos 22:24-28)
- 7. How can we help each other and our church to strive for unity, commitment in our worship to God, and effective witness to our future generations?



# Joshua Series #10 Choose Whom You Will Serve Joshua 23:1 – 24:33

**Study Materials** 

1. What was an important "choice" you had to make in your life? (or in this past month or year)

Read Joshua 24

- 2. Why does Joshua recount the history of Israel, from Terah, father of Abraham to the conquest of the Promised Land? (Josh 24:2-13)
- 3. What does it mean to "fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness?" (Josh 24:14; see Deut 6:1-2, Ps 51:16-17, 139:23, Jer 29:13, Acts 2:46-47, 1 Thess 5:23-24, Prov 2:5, Ps 33:8-9, Heb 10:31, Rev 15:4 etc.)
- 4. What would fearing the Lord and serving him in sincerity and in faithfulness look like for our church and community today? Share one way you could express this in the coming week.
- 5. What are some "foreign gods" in our world today? (Joshua 24:19) Why might it be difficult for us to choose to put away these "foreign gods" and serve God wholly?
- 6. How can you take responsibility for your family to live out putting away "foreign gods" and serving the Lord? (Joshua 24:15)
- 7. Share how you decided to follow Jesus? If you are unsure about following Jesus, what are some of your concerns?

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