



PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE—YOUTH

Lesson 1: The Promise Land—Joshua 1-4; 24

ENCOUNTER—Community Discussion

After reading the passage, take time to journal through the questions below. Don't feel like you have to answer all these questions. Wrestle with the text, and be prepared to share with your community.

How is this God's story?

How is this others' story?

How is this my story?

How is this the world's story?

PRAYER

Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

I will praise the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,

in human beings, who cannot save.

When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;

on that very day their plans come to nothing.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD their God.

He is the Maker of heaven and earth,

the sea, and everything in them—

he remains faithful forever.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed

and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free,

the LORD gives sight to the blind,

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,

the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the foreigner

and sustains the fatherless and the widow,

but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

The Lord reigns forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD.

(Psalm 146:1-10)

WEEKLY PRACTICE

Find five items in your closet that you haven't worn much and are willing to get rid of. The catch is you have to do this in less than five minutes. Put the items in a bag so you can take them to a local second-hand clothing store as a donation. The purpose for the five-minute time limit is it's an exhilarating way to help you gain momentum in your decision making.

Next, take out a pen and paper and repeat this exercise in regards to what doesn't belong in your life because it's hurting you spiritually. Like before, give yourself a five-minute time limit to write down five things, habits or people you need to turn away from. Chances are you already know what should be weaned out of your life spiritually, but you may need a prompting like this to articulate it.

BECOMING MY STORY

Joshua 6

Acts 1

Spend time this week reading and journaling through the above Scriptures. In the context of Joshua 1-4 and 24, consider the following questions:

What are the key decisions you see people in these Scriptures making to better trust and follow the Lord?

What decisions have you made that have most shaped your relationship with God?

Consider other passages you might know related to Joshua 1-4 and 24 and read them this week, journaling as you go.

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