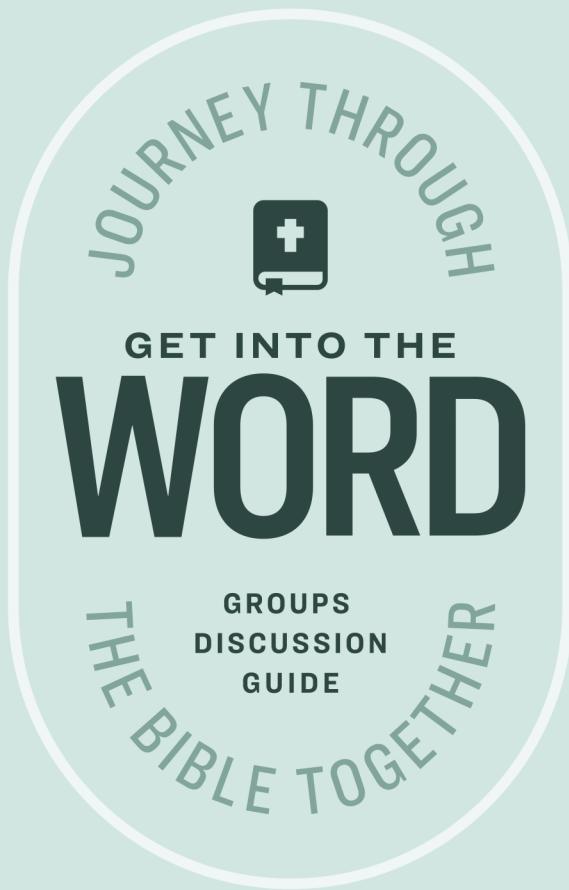




Week of Sunday,
June 28, 2026

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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

Growing in the MARCS of a disciple every day!

JUNE FOCUS - SCRIPTURAL

Select a question below to ask the group to gauge how you are growing in the MARCS of a disciple.

1. What did God show you from Scripture that challenged or encouraged you?
2. Where did Scripture shape your decisions, attitudes, or conversations?
3. What is one passage or truth you're carrying with you into this coming week?

INTRODUCTION

This message from Joshua 1 challenges us to move from knowing God's promises to actually possessing them. Just as Israel stood at the edge of the Promised Land—something God had already given them—we often stand at the edge of spiritual blessings without stepping in to claim them. The key to possessing God's promises is obedience to His Word, which requires knowing it, meditating on it, and living it out.

Joshua

READ ALOUD

Joshua 1:1-5

DISCUSS

Opening Question: Have you ever owned something valuable but never used it (gym equipment, a gift card, a skill you learned)? What kept you from using it?

- What stands out to you about how God speaks to Joshua in this moment of transition?
- What promise did the Lord give to Joshua? (1:5)
- What areas in your life do you need to be more courageous?

Have someone read aloud: Joshua 1:6-8.

- Why do you think God repeated "be strong and courageous" to Joshua multiple times? What does this tell us about the nature of obedience?
- Why do you think it is important to meditate on God's Word?

DISCUSS & APPLY

- What promises has God given you in His Word that you haven't fully "possessed" or lived in? (Examples: peace, joy, victory over sin, purpose, etc.)
- What's one area of your life where you need God's Word to transform your thinking and behavior?
- What does this passage teach you about how to deal with negative emotions, such as fear, self-doubt, and discouragement?

RESPOND

What specific steps can you take today to demonstrate your trust in the Lord?

Praying as a Church - Week 22 Prayer Prompts

(Share and pick some to pray through as a group.)

Praise

- Use Psalm 106 to praise God for His enduring mercy and patience, even when we are unfaithful. Thank Him for the grace that constantly pursues and restores us.
- In Psalm 107–108, praise the Lord for His steadfast love and His unmatched power to rescue and redeem His people.
- Use Psalm 110 to worship the Lord as the victorious King and the righteous ruler over all the earth.
- Thank God for making a way where there seemed to be no path, just as He did at the Jordan River and around the walls of Jericho.

Silence and Solitude

- Ask God to search your heart and reveal any hidden sin, pride, or areas of compromise that He wants to address.
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Ask - allow the Word to guide your prayer requests.

- Use Joshua 3 to pray for the faith to step forward even when you cannot see the full outcome. Ask God to help you trust His leadership through uncertainty.
- Use Joshua 4 to pray for a heart that remembers God's faithfulness. Ask Him to help you testify of His goodness to the next generation.
- Use Joshua 5 to pray for consecration and spiritual readiness as God prepares us for the work He has ahead.
- Use Joshua 6 to pray for obedience to God's instructions, even when they seem unexpected. Pray for spiritual strongholds in our communities to fall by His power.

Mission

- Pray that God would empower His people to boldly declare His faithfulness and saving power to those who do not know Him.
- Ask God to tear down spiritual strongholds and bring freedom and healing to those currently far from His presence.
- Pray for our church to walk in unity and humility as we represent Christ to our community and the world.
- Pray that the nations would recognize Jesus as the true King and come to worship Him with reverence and joy.

Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.

Joshua 1:1-5

What do you think it means to be strong and courageous for God at your age?

For younger kids, connect it to simple fears (dark, new school). For older kids, talk about standing up for what's right or trusting God in hard choices.

How can we remember and think about God's Word during our day?

For younger kids, focus on simple ideas like singing Bible songs or saying a verse at bedtime. With older kids, talk about reading a short passage daily, memorizing a verse, or praying Scripture.

How does knowing God is always with you change the way you act or feel?

For younger kids, connect it to feeling safe when they're scared. With older children, explore how God's presence can help them make wise choices, resist temptation, and feel less alone.

GET INTO THE WORD

A YEAR-LONG JOURNEY THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

Week 22

- Joshua 3 / Psalm 106
- Joshua 4 / Psalm 107
- Joshua 5 / Psalm 108
- Joshua 6 / Psalm 109
- Joshua 7 / Psalm 110

MEMORIZE:

Psalm 16:11
John 11:25-26

Other Resources

Logos Fact Book -Joshua



The Logos Fact Book has images, articles, and many other resources about the book of **Joshua**.

Joshua: The New Adam and Moses



The Bible Project has provided a podcast to learn about this guy named **Joshua**.

WATCH

The Bible Project's Guide - Joshua



See a collection of videos, classes, and articles that dives into **Joshua** and its themes.

LIFE GROUP

We have a variety of resources and are continually adding new ones. Some of our resourced include group launch guides, on-demand training modules, and curriculum resources.

To request a resource reach out to us at **groups@longhollow.com**



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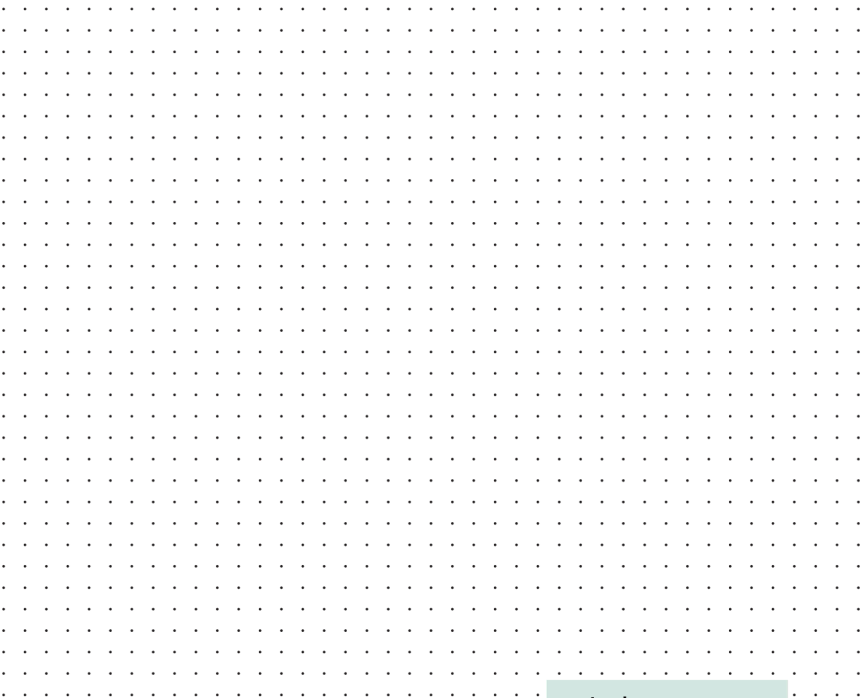
If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.



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What’s Going On?

Joshua 1:1–9 is like God’s personal pep talk and commissioning speech to Joshua. God reminds him that the land is already given, but it still must be possessed. Three themes stand out in the passage and in the sermon: God’s promise of the land, God’s presence (“I will be with you”), and the call to courage and obedience. Instead of giving Joshua military tips, God points him to “the book of instruction” (the law given through Moses). Joshua must speak it, think about it, and live it out. Success in the land won’t come from superior weapons but from trusting and obeying God’s Word. The sermon uses this to show how believers today can move from simply “owning” God’s promises to actually walking in them.



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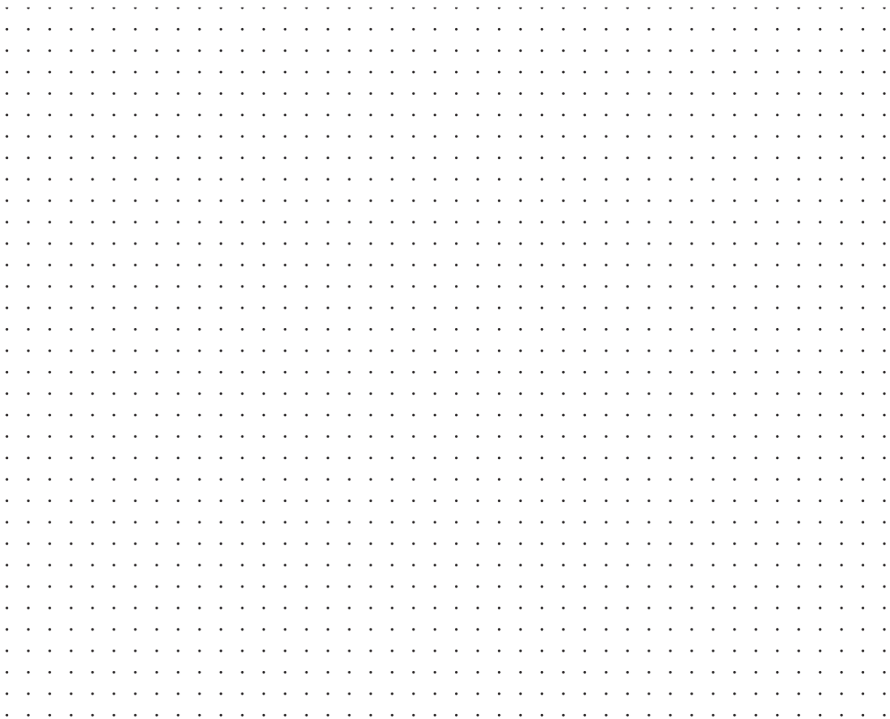
CREATION

THE EXODUS FROM EGYPT

Joshua

A Bit of Background

The book of Joshua opens right after the death of Moses, the great leader who brought Israel out of slavery in Egypt. For forty years the people wandered in the wilderness because the earlier generation refused to trust God and enter the promised land. That whole generation has now died, and a new one is standing on the edge of the Jordan River, looking across at Canaan—the land God promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Joshua, once Moses’ assistant and one of the faithful spies, is now God’s chosen leader. The people are about to move from “waiting” to “taking possession.” This moment is a turning point: from wandering to settling, from promise spoken to promise experienced. God’s words in Joshua 1 are meant to steady Joshua’s heart and prepare the nation for battles ahead.



1 After the death of Moses the Lord's servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses's assistant: 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now you and all the people prepare to cross over the Jordan to the land I am giving the Israelites. 3 I have given you every place where the sole of your foot treads, just as I promised Moses. 4 Your territory will be from the wilderness and Lebanon to the great river, the Euphrates River—all the land of the Hittites—and west to the Mediterranean Sea. 5 No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. I will be with you, just as I was with Moses. I will not leave you or abandon you.

6 “Be strong and courageous, for you will distribute the land I swore to their ancestors to give them as an inheritance.

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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

MISSIONAL

Engaging with the world to share the Gospel intentionally.

ACCOUNTABLE

Being transparent with Christ and other believers about your walk.

REPRODUCIBLE

Disciples who make disciples; the mentee becomes the mentor.

COMMUNAL

Living in deep community with other believers; never alone.

SCRIPTURAL

Grounded in the Word of God as the ultimate authority.



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