



Life Group Study Notes

“Bethel’s Discipleship Path: Made to Serve”

Ps. James Lowe - September 30, 2018

Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question to answer, or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- How many brothers and sisters did you have growing up? What birth order were you?
- Besides your parents, was there another adult who played an important role in your childhood? What role did they play?
- Who was your favorite relative when you were a child? Why?

Word (10-15 minutes)

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Joshua 1:1-9 ESV *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. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. 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. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not 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 1:10-11 ESV *And Joshua commanded the officers of the people, "Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, 'Prepare your provisions, for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the Lord your God is giving you to possess.'"*

Joshua was a servant of Moses, and more importantly a servant of God. God had done marvelous things for Israel through the service and leadership of Moses. Under his leadership Joshua grew as a young man, learning to serve and lead God's people.

God promised Joshua he would have success as he followed the path God had for him. God had been unfolding and executing his plan to redeem humanity and the creation ever since the first human rebellion took place. He gave promises to Adam, to Noah, to Abraham, to Sarah, and to Moses. Now Joshua inherited the momentum of all these promises as he stood on the threshold of Israel taking the next step in God's plan to redeem the world.

God's collective word recorded in the Old and New Testaments is for us the summation of God's promises and directives designed to bring us into the fulfillment of God's purposes. We too have a Promised Land. God has a destiny for each of us and for all of us, both in this life and in the Age of the Resurrection.

In terms of Bethel World Outreach Church, we especially are called to disciple the next generation and to reach the nations. We believe these twin objectives are central to the overall witness of the Scriptures in terms of God's missional objectives. We are commanded to reach the campuses and internationals in our immediate area. We are also called to go from to the ends of the earth and do the same. Each of us must seek God to discover our individual part in this great endeavor. If we will seek God, he will guide us and empower us and cause us to be fruitful.

Will you seek the Lord afresh and ask him how he wants you to engage in reaching and discipline the next generation and internationals?

Discussion (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the points, and discuss how the lesson applies to our lives.

- How have you been involved in reaching & discipling the next generation and/or internationals?
- What do you consider to be a hindrance or challenge to you reaching & discipling the next generation and/or internationals?
- How could you become more fruitful in reaching & discipling the next generation and/or internationals?

Prayer (10-15 minutes)

Pray any of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.

- Thank God for the salvation and calling he has given us.
- Ask God to help you become more fruitful in reaching & discipling the next generation and/or internationals.
- Ask God to help you learn, understand, and deeply believe God's promises and purposes.