

Courage - 3/10 Discussion Questions

Joshua 1

Review

“Only be strong and very courageous, being careful *to do* according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you... This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall *meditate on it day and night.*” Joshua 1:7-8

Lies to Expose:	Better Promises to Believe:
Self-Reliance “I know what’s best for me.”	God’s plan will maximize blessing for you and the world (Josh. 1:3; Gen. 22:17-18)
Self-Protection “I am safest when I am in control.”	God’s power is accessed by surrendering control (Josh 1:5; Acts 1:8)
Self-Doubt “I can’t do this.”	God’s presence enables the weakest believers to overcome the biggest obstacles (Josh. 1:9; Matt. 28:18-20)

Connect

1. What a major obstacle you’ve had to face in your life - a serious challenge? How did you take it on?
2. What happened? What did you learn from that experience?

Read Joshua 1:1-9

Discuss

3. What was the obstacle in front of Joshua (and Israel)? What was the challenge?
4. How did they do 40 years before at this same place (see Numbers 13:25-33; 14:1-4, 20-24)?
5. Why did they fail the first time with Moses? How did they succeed with Joshua?
6. If you were Joshua in chapter 6 with the instructions about taking Jericho what would you have done? Why?

Apply

7. Which of the three lies are you most likely to believe? Why?
8. How do the three promises to Joshua encourage you today?
9. How are those promises fulfilled and re-stated in Matt. 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8?
10. How can we, as a group, align ourselves more around God’s purpose to spread the gospel here in Tampa and around the world?

Pray

11. How can we pray for you this week?
12. Let’s pray for the advance of the gospel and the blessing of God here in Tampa and around the world!