



# SMALL GROUP STUDY

## God, the Author and Finisher

When God makes a promise you can be sure He will fulfill it. God promised the children of Israel that He would give them the land. Now they are there, ready to cross over the Jordan river and into the land of promise. Moses is dead and Joshua has been commissioned by God to lead the children of Israel.

## Entering the Land (Joshua 1-5)

At age 80 Joshua was given the command of the children of Israel. He was Israel's first military commander. "Be strong, be courageous because the Lord your God is giving you the land." Joshua 1. Joshua sends two spies into the land who came back to report that the Lord had truly given them the land and all the inhabitants were fainthearted because of the children of Israel and their God.

### *Discussion Questions:*

- a. In chapter 1, what is the conditional promise that God gives to Joshua and the children of Israel?
- b. What miracle did God perform to bring the children across the Jordan river?
- c. What does entering the land of Canaan represent to believers today? (Hebrews 11)

## Conquering the Land (Joshua 6-12)

"So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord had said to Moses; and Joshua gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. Then the land rested from war." Joshua 11:23. This is a perfect example of how God chooses the foolish thing to confound. The the world believers can look foolish.

### *Discussion Questions:*

- a. What was the God-given strategy for conquering Jericho?
- b. How did Aiken bring trouble on the whole tribe of Israel?
- c. What was the mistake the children made with the Gibeonites?
- d. Examine your heart: Have you ever felt foolish for your faith in God? How can you encourage fellow believers thus strengthening the body of Christ?