



SMALL GROUP STUDY

The Promised Land

The book of Joshua speaks of God's faithful promises and provisions. In this second half of the book of Joshua we read that the land God promised the children of Israel is divided among the tribes. God is faithful and we see that his promises to give the children of Israel a land flowing with milk and honey are true. After seven years of battle, it is now payday and Joshua divides the land and gives each of the tribes their inheritance.

Joshua and Caleb

We find two heroes, Joshua and Caleb. Although Joshua and Caleb are now old men--in their 80s, we see that they have been faithful in their belief and service to God all of their lives. They are still full of pep and raring to do the work of the Lord. God has a place for you, a land, a place of abundance. He doesn't want you to just have a boring Christian life. Jesus said "I have come that you have life and have it more abundantly." John 10:10

Discussion Questions:

- a. What is the meaning of the name Joshua?
- b. What are the ways that Joshua fulfilled the meaning of his name?
- c. Examine your heart: Where are you aiming your sights in this life? Are you looking back at what God has already done? Or, are you looking forward with excitement to what He is going to do?

The Tribe of Levi

The tribe of Levi did not receive any land, they were to live by the provision of the people and the Lord God was their inheritance. The Lord was their exceedingly great reward. Also, they were given 48 cities, Levitical cities, scattered throughout all of the land.

Discussion Questions:

- a. Why do you suppose God scattered the tribe of Levi throughout the land?
- b. What are some practical ways that you can teach and pass on God's word today?

Joshua's Farewell Message

Joshua gives a final message to the people before his death. He reminds the children that it was the Lord their God who fought for them. He encourages them to be very courageous and to keep all that commands that God had given them. This is a good reminder for all of us. "Don't just read and hear, but do what He says." It's a conscious decision and an absolute commitment. Make up your mind today whom you're going to serve. False gods? or The God? Joshua calls the children of Israel to an absolute decision.

Discussion Questions:

- c. Have you made a conscious decision to serve the Lord whole-heartedly?
- d. Examine your heart: What is God calling you to do in order to serve Him?
- e. How can you answer that call whole-heartedly?