



Life Group Study Joshua Chapters 13-22

This section of the book of Joshua gives a description of the dividing of the land for each tribe of Israel. This process was the end of a very long era. The 11 day journey that turned into a 40 year process was finally coming to a close! The excitement and buzz among the people of Israel to have their land granted to them to possess must have been overwhelming. It was an important time for Israel, and I think a time where God's faithfulness to them through it all must have been overwhelmingly clear. This study will examine some accounts of individual obedience and the faithfulness of God.

Read Joshua 14:6-15

Caleb was one of the twelve spies sent to check out the Promised Land after Israel's escape from Egypt. Caleb and Joshua alone encouraged Israel to faithfulness even after seeing the threat of the people who inhabited the land. You can read the Caleb's story in Number 13 and 14.

From Caleb's account in Joshua 14, how can you see God's faithfulness demonstrated?

From what you know about Caleb's story and what you see from this passage, how was Caleb obedient to God? Was his obedience based on anybody else's actions?

How did Caleb's faith in God turn into reward for himself and his family? Why is it important to consider the impact of Caleb's actions on his family?

How do you want your legacy to impact your children and their children in the future? How does the choices you make now impact that legacy in the future?

Read Joshua 22:10-34

This passage comes after the dividing of the land among the tribes. When the tribes that were located to the East of the Jordan were sent home, they built a large altar. Their motive was misunderstood and the peace in the land was nearly interrupted with a civil war.

Given some of the recent history (Numbers 25; Joshua 7) why was the rest of Israel so quick to respond to what they interpreted as apostasy on the part of these two and half tribes?

Phinehas was quick to remind these tribes that sin affects more than just the guilty party. Where have you seen this truth play out in your experience?

What did the Israelites do right in their approach toward these tribes?

What was the true motivation behind the “imposing altar” that they had built?

How can Israel’s handling of this situation inform our relationships within the church today?