

## JOSHUA 1:1-2

- › What did God command Joshua to do? Put yourself in Joshua's shoes. How would you respond to this command?
- › What would obedience to God's command require of Joshua? What might obedience to God require of you?

## JOSHUA 1:3-5

- › Why did God promise to give land to Joshua and the people of Israel among pagan nations (v. 3)? What was required of the people of Israel if they hoped to receive this promise?
- › What else did God promise to Joshua and the people of Israel in these verses? What do these promises tell us about God?
- › Why did God choose Joshua to lead this initiative? Why did God choose Israel to be His special people in His chosen land (see Deut. 7:6-11)?

## JOSHUA 1:6-9

- › Three times in these verses, God commands Joshua to be strong and courageous. Why did Joshua need this charge?
- › What else did God command Joshua to do in these verses? What did God promise to Joshua and the people of Israel if they kept these commands?
- › What promises are connected to these commands (vv. 6,9)? How might remembering the promises of God empower us to live on mission for Him (see Matt. 28:18-20)?

## CENTRAL TRUTH

*When we lean into the promises of God, we will find the courage necessary to live on mission for Him.*

## NOW WHAT?

- › In what specific areas of your life do you need to lean on God for strength and courage?
- › Why are strength and courage necessary to fulfilling the mission God has given us?
- › What keeps you from leaning on God for strength and courage?
- › Devise a plan of action. How will you lean more heavily on God's strength and presence this week?

## PERSONAL CHALLENGE

- › **Dwell:** Read Psalm 16. Take special note of the psalmist's awareness of God's presence and how that influenced his attitudes, actions, and perspective. Journal a prayer to God asking Him to help you grow in your awareness of His ever-presence in your life. Pray that knowing this would help you live confidently for His glory.
- › **Memorize:** Joshua 1:5
- › **Pray:** Ask God to give you the courage you need to live on mission for Him in your school, your neighborhood, and in your activities. Pray that He would help you to remember and lean on His promises, knowing that in and of yourself you are not strong enough to fulfill the mission God has given you. Thank Him for promising to see you through and to be with you every step of the way.

## KEEP ON DIGGING

Read the following verses. List them in a journal or jot some notes here about what each tells you about our source of strength in living on mission for God.

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| › Psalm 22:19; 46:1; 119:28 | › Ephesians 6:10        |
| › Isaiah 40:29-31           | › Philippians 4:13      |
| › Mark 12:30                | › 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 |