

## JOSHUA 22:1-3

- › How does Joshua describe the people of these tribes (vv. 2-3)? How were they able to obey?
- › Joshua commends them not only for obedience to God, but also for obeying him. What can we learn from their example in terms of submitting to the authorities in our lives?

## JOSHUA 22:4-6

- › What did God give to these tribes on account of their faithfulness to His covenant? What is significant about this promise (see Gen. 12:1-3)?
- › God not only provided these tribes with the land they had requested, but also with rest (v. 4). What is significant about this promise (see Ex. 20:8-11)?
- › How does the rest God provided relate to the rest Christ promises (Heb. 4:9-11)?
- › What three commands did Joshua give the Israelites in verse 5? Why did God's people need to be reminded of these commands?

## JOSHUA 22:7-9

- › Who did Joshua single out in these verses? What did he command them to do?
- › How do you see God's provision for His people on display here? How might knowing that God will provide for us help us to obey Him?

## CENTRAL TRUTH

*Following Christ requires us to press on in life, loving and serving Him with all that we are, regardless of the circumstances.*

## NOW WHAT?

- › Is it easier or more difficult for you to seek and obey God when life is “normal”? Why?
- › Look again at Joshua 22:5. Do these commands sound too challenging? Where can you find the strength you need to obey?
- › In what areas of your life is it most difficult for you to obey God? What is one measure you will take this week to obey God in that area?
- › How has God faithfully provided for you and your family? How might a greater awareness of this lead to faithfulness as you live on mission for Him?

## PERSONAL CHALLENGE

- › **Dwell:** Sometimes we neglect opportunities to live on mission for Christ because we wrongly assume we are ill-equipped for mission. We think that someone else is surely more equipped to share Christ with a lost friend or show mercy to someone in need. In such instances, we need to recount the many ways God has blessed and provided for us. Journal a list of God’s provision in your life, of the ways God has provided for you both physically and spiritually. Then pray, asking God to help you rest in His provision and trust in His strength as you seek to live for His kingdom and glory.
- › **Memorize:** Joshua 22:5
- › **Pray:** Thank God for His faithfulness in your life and in the life of your family. Pray that He would help you to live with a deeper and more present awareness of His faithfulness and provision. Ask Him to help you press on in love and obedience to Him no matter what circumstances you find yourself in. Pray that the focus and purpose of your life would be centered on loving Him supremely and living on mission for Him.

## KEEP ON DIGGING

- › Read Deuteronomy 28:1-14 and journal a list of the blessings God promises to those who obey Him. While not all of these blessings will be experienced in this life, God promises tremendous blessings to those who commit their lives to faithfully obeying Him. The emphasis of Deuteronomy 28 is not on us earning blessings through obedience. None of the blessings we receive from God are deserved. Instead, these blessings highlight God’s goodness toward His children, and the reality that He will not overlook any act of obedience that is done in faith.