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# Discipleship Framework

Study Guide on Joshua

## **Welcome to your study on the book of Joshua**

This study guide has produced by People Christian Fellowship (PCF) in relation to the Discipleship Framework. Within this document you will find a daily reading plan. Committing to this is a very important part of your biblical study and will help you in gaining wisdom and understanding of God's word. PCF Wednesday evening prayer meetings are a great place to receive teaching on different aspects of the book as we all learn together. Your discipler will also be studying with you and will challenge you to search the depths of God's word.

## **Individual Study**

Your reading plan is very important; it will help you to develop the spiritual discipline of studying God's word. We suggest that you spend a short time in prayer before and after studying; asking God to open your heart to His truth. By studying His word you will increase your faith, arm yourself for the challenges ahead and gain knowledge and understanding of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit so that you may confidently witness to others. It is recommended that everybody follow the daily study plan to ensure that the whole church is studying the book of Joshua in unison.

## **Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting**

Spending time in corporate prayer is a vital ingredient for your Spiritual development. As part of the shift to develop the discipleship framework, the prayer meeting bible study section will follow alongside the discipleship study plan. Prayer meeting will be a great opportunity for you to receive comprehensive teaching on a number of key themes found in the book of Joshua.

## **Discipleship Meetings**

The Christian walk is not merely an experiential moment of spiritual enlightenment, but a journey toward maturation, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. The Church 'is one', purposed for the building up of the saints in preparation for works of service; identified by its unity with Christ and amongst its members (John 17:21). The basic philosophy of the discipleship framework is:

A community of believers growing in Christ, who are accountable and involved in one another's lives.

The framework promotes a level of accountability in relation to the exercise of spiritual disciplines and a degree of involvement which supports wholesome and fruitful relationships. Through the framework the gifts of all believers can be mobilised to advance the Kingdom of God.

## **The study below should be used only as a rough guide.**

During the study section of the meeting disciplers and disciplees should work through the study questions together discussing any revelations, opinions, issues or thoughts that may arise. You do not have to be a bible scholar to conduct or participate in the bible study. Difficult questions that may arise should be noted and brought to the church leadership.

Below is a rough guide formatting a typical disciple meeting.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>Open in Prayer</b>	Spend a short time in prayer, asking God to be in the midst of your meeting.
<b>Reflection</b>	You may want to start with some general reflection on how the week has been. Do not try to force information out. The amount of information should be determined by the disciplee
<b>Study</b>	The whole church will be studying the same book at the same time. In this section you could start by reflecting on what you have studied in the previous meeting, any homework and/or revelations. Follow the study guide and try to complete as much as you can.
<b>Reflection</b>	Recap what you have learnt and ask if there are specific areas of intended application. Please also share your areas of intended application. Ensure you set a task to be completed by the next meeting.
<b>Pray</b>	Ask your disciplee if there are any areas of their life they would like you like to pray for/about. Please also remember your community within your prayers. You could also ask your disciplee to pray.
<b>Encourage</b>	Before you meet prepare an encouragement for your disciplee. It must be specific. (Preferably scripture based).

## The book of Joshua

At the close of the book of Deuteronomy, Moses and the people of Israel were camped in the hills of Moab, just across the Jordan River from the promised land of Canaan. So Deuteronomy ends with the expectation that soon, these people would cross the river and begin their lives in Canaan. But Moses would not be the one to lead them into this land. The young Joshua had been appointed to follow Moses as the new leader of these people.

The book of Joshua describes how the people of Israel settled in and divided up the promised land of Canaan among the twelve tribes. The title of the book comes from its leading character, Joshua, chosen to lead Israel after Moses died (Joshua 1:1-3).

The book of Joshua has two main parts. The first half (chapters 1-12) is a series of stories about the capture of key cities and towns in Canaan. It includes many stories that explain the origin of a landmark in Israel. The second half (chapters 13-22) consists of tribal boundaries and city lists. The twelve tribes each got a share of the land, while the Levites were given special cities scattered throughout Israel. The concluding chapters of the book (23,24) report Joshua's farewell and death as well as the important gathering at Shechem where the people of Israel promised to obey the Lord God, now that they had settled in the promised land.

### About Joshua

- Son of Nun. He was called Hoshea, which means "salvation". Later Moses changed his name to Joshua meaning, "the Lord saves". The same name in the Greek form is Jesus (Numbers 13:8, 16).
- From the tribe of Ephraim.
- In the Sinai Peninsula, he led the troops of Israel to victory over the Amalekites (Exodus 17:8-13).
- Servant or aide of Moses (Exodus 24:13).
- He represented his tribe when 12 spies were sent to look over Canaan. Only Joshua and Caleb were ready to follow God's will and take possession of the land (Numbers 13-14).
- He was God's chosen servant, successor to Moses, chosen to lead Israel into the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 31:1-8, 34:9).
- He was 40 yrs at the time of the Exodus, 80 when he received his commission, and 110 at his death (circa 1376 B.C.).
- He was known for his deep trust in God and as "a man in whom is the spirit" (Numbers 27:18).

## Prayer Meeting and Discipleship Study Guide on the Book of Joshua

Prayer Meeting study duration: 4 weeks

Total Prayer Meeting teaching time: 2 Hours

Start Date: 03/08/09 End Date: 30/08/09

Discipleship study duration: 4 weeks

Total Discipleship reading time: (15mins a day)

Week and Date	Chapter	Prayer meeting Bible Study	Discipleship Reading Plan	Discipleship Study Questions
Week 18 Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug 09 – Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug 09	5 - 6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 09</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fear of the surrounding nations</li> <li>Circumcision again, why?</li> <li>The next generation after forty years in the desert</li> <li>Fall of Jericho</li> </ul>	Mon- 5:1 Tue - 5:2-3 Wed - 5:4-6 Thur - 5:7-8 Fri - 5:9-11 Sat - 5:13-15 Sun - Reflection	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Circumcision was the sign of the covenant between God and Israel. Why was it important for Israelites to be circumcised at this time?</li> <li>The first Passover had been celebrated on the day of Israel's deliverance from Egypt. What significance would the Passover have for those who had just entered the promised land?</li> <li>In what ways are circumcision and the Passover similar to today's celebration of baptism and the Lord's supper?</li> <li>What's the difference between the Lord joining our side and our joining the Lord's side (5:14)?</li> </ol>
Week 19 Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug 09 - Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug 09		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 09</b></p> <p>Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men.</p>	Mon- 6:1-5 Tue - 6:6-11 Wed - 6:12-15 Thur - 6:16-21 Fri - 6:22-23 Sat - 6:24-27 Sun - Reflection	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you had been one of the Israelites, how would you have felt during the seven-day spectacle (6:6-16)?</li> <li>What lessons was God teaching the Israelites during their seven days of marching?</li> <li>Why didn't God allow the Israelites to keep any of the spoils of war?</li> <li>What Spiritual battles are you currently fighting?</li> </ol>

<p>Week 20</p> <p>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 09</p> <p>-</p> <p>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug 09</p>	<p>7 - 8</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 09</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Israel defeat</li> <li>• Achan's sin</li> <li>• Joshua's response to their defeat</li> <li>• God's instruction on how to sift Israel</li> <li>• Achan's Judgement</li> </ul>	<p>Mon- 7:1-5</p> <p>Tue - 7:6-9</p> <p>Wed - 7:10-14</p> <p>Thur - 7:15-19</p> <p>Fri - 7:20-26</p> <p>Sat - Reflection (Think about the things in your life that you need to get rid of, so you can move on)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How do God's concerns differ from Joshua's (v.10-15)</li> <li>2. Joshua urged Achan to "give glory to the Lord" by admitting his crime (v.19). How does confession glorify God?</li> <li>3. This is an opportunity for all of us to confess. Spend some time in confession before the Lord.</li> </ol>
<p>Week 21</p> <p>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 09</p> <p>-</p> <p>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 09</p>		<p><b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 09</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God turn things around after Israel</li> <li>• Israel defeat Ai</li> </ul>	<p>Mon- 8:1-2</p> <p>Tue - 8:3-8</p> <p>Wed - 8:9-17</p> <p>Thur - 8:18-21</p> <p>Fri - 8:22-27</p> <p>Sat - 8:28-29</p> <p>Sun - 8:30-35</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God turn things around after Israel dealt with the problem. When has God moved on your behalf after you confessed?</li> <li>2. Why did Joshua build the alter on Mount Ebal (v.30-31)?</li> <li>3. What impact would the reading of the law have had on the Israelites (v.32-35)? What difference does reading the Bible make to you?</li> </ol>