

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

OCTOBER 23, 2022



ICEBREAKERS

What clubs or sports were you involved in during high school or college? Do you enjoy playing or watching a particular sport now?

QUESTIONS

- What does it mean to step into the unknown?
- Describe your experience of walking into an unknown situation. How did it turn out?

READ

Joshua 1:9

QUESTIONS

- What commands are found in this verse? (**be strong and courageous, do not be afraid, do not be discouraged**)
- Which of those commands is most challenging for you? Why?
- Who addressed Joshua's fear in this verse? (**God**) How did God address Joshua's fears? (**Not by explaining how everything will turn out but by reminding him that the Lord would be with him regardless of how it turns out**)
- What makes it challenging to trust God to relieve your fears?

READ

Joshua 3:10-13

QUESTIONS

- While waiting to cross the Jordan, what do you suppose the Israelites were doing? Or feeling?
- Who had to set foot in the Jordan before God would act? ([The priests](#))
- How were the Israelites able to cross the Jordan, conquer these groups of people, and establish their land? ([They took a step of faith and committed to trust God](#))
- How did God address the Israelite's fear of the unknown? ([Through His presence, the ark of the Lord](#))
- Patrick said, "We are going to give away something we trust in a lot because we trust in something greater and more lasting." What do you find challenging about this phrase?

READ

1 Timothy 6:17-19

QUESTIONS

- Why would someone want to lay up treasures in heaven for themselves in this verse? ([To build a firm foundation for the coming age, so they can take hold of the life that is truly life](#))
- Patrick said, "The most impactful things in your life have started with someone else's decision." Do you agree or disagree? And why?
- How have you seen this to be true?

PRAYER: Thank you, Lord, for this group and the time together. Help us put our hope and trust in You and not in our temporary life. Help us live our lives fixed on you. Thank you for the many ways You've blessed us. In Jesus' Name – Amen.

LEADERS: This is the last week of Sermon Discussion Guides. Be on the lookout for an email with short-term group studies if your group will continue meeting!

On November 5th, serve with your group to package meals for hungry kids in need. Our goal is to package 175,000 meals for kids who are lacking the accessibility to nutritious food. Register at rpc.me/events. We have two time slots available – 9am-10:30am or 11am-12:30pm.