



LIFE GROUPS

THIS IS MY BIBLE
“Ordinary people with extraordinary stories”
Chapter 1- Joshua
Life Group Questions

GETTING STARTED

1. Do you know any “famous” people? Maybe someone you grew up with or went to school with? Discuss.
2. Do you know someone (or maybe yourself) who started with very little and worked their way up to being very successful?
3. Can you name some people in the Bible who were seen as “ordinary” but accomplished amazing things by God’s power? Discuss. (For example: Mary, born in a small town to an ordinary family. She would end up being the mother of the Messiah.)

DIGGING DEEPER

Joshua was an ordinary man who accomplished great things for God. He was born a slave in Egypt, became an assistant to Moses and would end up leading the children of Israel into the Promise Land. An unlikely success story.

1. Discuss which part of the Sunday message stood out to you the most?
2. The book of Joshua begins with God speaking to Joshua. Read Joshua 1:1-9. What would be the keys to Joshua’s success as a leader?
3. Discuss some of the promises that God makes to Joshua.

4. In chapter 2 we are introduced to a woman named Rahab. Read Joshua 2:1-6. Rahab obviously lies to the king of Jericho. Is it ever appropriate to lie? Why or why not? What would you have done?
5. In chapter 3, God used a miracle to show Joshua and all of Israel that He was with them. What miracles were performed?
6. In chapter 6, God gave Israel a victory in a very unusual way. How did they conquer the city of Jericho?
7. Have you ever had a time in your life when God asked you to do something that didn't make sense? Discuss.
8. Read portions of Joshua 7, why were the Israelites defeated at Ai? (Verses 10-12)
9. In chapter 9, Joshua and the Israelites were deceived by a group of people called Gibeonites. Verse 14 gives a clue to why they were deceived. Discuss why you believe the Israelites stopped "consulting with God?"

APPLYING THE MESSAGE

1. God told Joshua to be "strong and courageous." What is something that you are dealing with today that requires you to be strong and courageous?
2. When the Israelites stopped "consulting" God, it led to many difficulties. Are you relying upon God and communicating with him about the details of your life or are you becoming self-reliant?
3. Make a commitment today just like Joshua did in 24:15, that no matter what everyone else does around you, you and your family are going to serve the Lord!