



Promise Land Enjoyed

WORSHIP (15 MINS)

10-27-2024

Venue: Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.

Venue: Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or **Via Online**,

Testimonies: **“What is your “high” or “your “low” this past week?”**

Ask someone to do the opening prayer:

WELCOME (15 MINS)

Welcome guests/first-time visitors.

Memory Verse for the week: **Joshua 1:8-9**

Quotes: **“We are often on the verge of receiving a great promise of God but can’t see it because we are focused on our circumstances.”** — Christine Caine

“God’s promises are always greater than our problems.” — Unknown

WORD(30-45 MINS) Text:Joshua 1:1-10 NLT

Intro: When Moses died, Joshua led the Israelites to the Promised Land. Through many battles, like the Fall of Jericho, they took possession of the land as God had promised to Abraham. This symbolized a deeper relationship with God and a fulfillment of His covenant promises. Let’s learn how the new generation of Israelites under Joshua possessed the promise land which their fathers couldn’t do:

Main Text: Read Main Text: Joshua 1:1-10

1. The new generation of Israelites under the leadership of Joshua trusted God to fulfill His promises –

The next generation of Israelites under Joshua trusted God strongly, confident He would be with them even in uncertain times. God's promises are always fulfilled when we trust in His faithfulness, as shown in the Book of Joshua. The Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 1:20 speaks that all of God's promises are ours through Christ, including forgiveness, restoration with God, eternal life, authority over the devil, and a life filled with peace, meaning, and purpose.

Q: Have you received a promise from God or God’s Word that He eventually fulfilled?

Q: What promises in God’s Word are you holding on to for Him to fulfill?

Q: Are there areas in your life where you feel called to take a bold step of faith or Leap of faith?

2. The new generation of Israelites under the leadership of Joshua left everything behind for the promise land in His plan to make them a great nation. - Read Joshua 4:14-18

Unlike their rebellious and stubborn fathers and elders who wanted to go back to Egypt instead of possessing the Promise Land, these next generation of Israelites had only one destination in mind, move forward, obey God’s leading!

Right after God stopped the flow of the Jordan River, the Israelites walked on dry ground into the Promised Land—they left behind the past their parents had envisioned for them. Once the waters resumed flowing, they had closed the door to their former life, and now, their only path was to go forward.

Q: What do you think it means to “leave the past behind” and move forward in obedience to God’s plan?

Q: How can we avoid the mistakes of the past and focus on what God has for us in the future?

Q: What practical steps can we take to trust God’s leading and move forward with faith, even when the future seems uncertain? Please share your thoughts.

Leader’s Tips:

- S - Sensitivity. No one should feel left out.
- P - Participation is encouraged.
- A - Acknowledge. Make guests feel welcomed.
- C - Confidentiality. What is shared stays in the group.
- E - Encouragement. Be a blessing to one another.

3. The new generation of Israelites under the leadership of Joshua had the courage to face the giants – Read Numbers 13:27-33.

God promised the Israelites a fertile land, but challenges caused them to doubt, even thinking of going back to Egypt. Under Joshua’s leadership, the younger generation found new courage and faith to face these challenges. God urged Joshua to be strong and courageous, highlighting the need to trust in His presence and power as they fought for their inheritance - the Promised Land.

Q: Learning from the younger generation of Israelites, how can we in our present time find courage and faith to face difficulties?

Q: Today, in what areas of our lives do we need to trust God’s presence and power especially when facing challenges?

Story: A man visiting an African tribe was terrified by the sound of growling lions. He found a way to calm himself by trusting the tribe’s ability to handle such dangers. The next morning, he was surprised to see the tribesmen returning with a gazelle they had taken from the lions, demonstrating their fearless and proactive approach to life and challenges.

Reflection: We are called to follow Christ not just believe and be saved. The ultimate promise is a life lived with the Lord leading the way. It is not about what the world pursues, like wealth and fame, it’s about the mission that we were born again into. **Read Matthew 28:18-19 NLT**

Conclusion: We are called to follow Christ, not just believe in Him, living a life focused on spreading the gospel and seeing the world saved. As His witnesses, we share the truth of His death, resurrection, and the forgiveness He offers. The call is to leave behind a purposeless life and follow Jesus, making disciples. God promises to be with us in this mission, with signs and wonders following our obedience.

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WORK: The Challenge (15 mins.)

P- Pray for one another. Ask “what can I pray for you?”

R- Remind to invite a friend on the next gathering.

A- Apply the message during the week.

Y- Yearn to share your faith with someone during the week.