

COURAGE

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with a group.

BOLDNESS IS NEEDED TO POSSESS ALL GOD IS WILLING TO GIVE. THIS STUDY OF JOSHUA WILL CALL INDIVIDUALS AND CHURCHES TO THE KIND OF COURAGE THAT CROSSES RIVERS, FACES GIANTS, AND CLAIMS THEIR FULL INHERITANCE.

1 Our Courage Campaign has already been a success in many powerful ways. What is one thing that has impacted you during this series? How has God called you to a new level of courage in some area of your life?

2 COURAGE IS a decision. Courage is not being ignorant of fear; courage is being cognizant of fear and choosing to do the right thing anyway. Share an experience in your life where you decided to be courageous.

3 Joshua had led a generation of bold deciders, but courage is not hereditary. As his season of leadership nears its end, Joshua realizes it is time for the choice of a new generation. **Read Joshua 24:14-15.** What are 1-2 things that stand out to you from this passage? What encouragement do you find from it?

4 WE CHOOSE... personally — “then choose for yourselves...” No one can be devoted to God for you. Courageous faith can be modeled, but it cannot be inherited. We must each pick up our own cross (see **Luke 14:27**). What do you think Jesus meant by that and how does that impact your relationship with him?

5 WE CHOOSE... persistently — “this day...” It is easy to pick up “extra gods” along the way in the journey of life, so we must regularly and ruthlessly assess what is competing with God for

our allegiance. The choice to be courageous is a decision we make every day (see **Luke 9:23**). What is one thing you can do every day that helps you put God first?

6 WE CHOOSE... purposefully — “whom you will serve...” As a church this campaign is calling us to make some courageous choices: a) *mission over caution*, b) *unity over timidity*, and c) *faith over fear*. To be outrageously and courageously generous comes down to one question: **who or what do we trust most for our future?** How has that question impacted the way you’ve purposefully lived and given throughout your life?

7 WE CHOOSE... publicly — “but as for me and my household...” Joshua went public with his decision. You cannot get crucified in a closet. That is one reason Jesus told us to make disciples by baptizing. What area of your faith walk do you need to be more public with? What is one thing you can do this week to be more public with your faith?

PRAYER

As you close spend some time as a group showing your gratitude for what God has done and will continue to do through the Courage Campaign.

