

Passing the Baton

September 18, 2022 | Judges 1-2 | Pastor Mike Foster

- The call on the first generation: Wholehearted Obedience (Joshua)
 - o Take the Land by Courageous Faith!
 - o Regular Repentance & Renewal
 - o Model & Teach the Way – Practically and Personally (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)
- The call on the next generation: Wholehearted Ownership (Judges 1-2)
 - o Expand the Territory by Courageous Faith!
 - Beware spiritual compromise
 - Beware spiritual complacency
 - o Honest Evaluation & Humble Repentance
 - Beware false narratives
 - Beware remorse without repentance
 - o Remember the Lord & His Word
- The Mercy of God: On a Mission every Morning!

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Share about how you came to personally trust in Christ as your Savior. What difference has Jesus made in your life that you want others to experience?
3. Would you say your life looks more like Joshua (when people were living by faith in God's promise) or Judges (when everyone was doing what was right in their own eyes) lately?
4. Share about a time when the Lord's evaluation of your life was different than your own. How did you come to experience conviction and humbly repent and get back on track?
5. Is there "land" in your life that you aren't taking by courageous faith? How might God enable you to experience victory over that sin and take that land!
6. Who is someone (a parent, grandparent, friend, mentor) who passed their faith on to you? How did they help you to receive and take ownership of a relationship with Christ?
7. Read Psalm 78. How many generations are represented in this Psalm? What would have to change if we wanted to get more serious about having this kind of generational impact?
8. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. How have you seen the principles of this passage play out in the life of your home – either the home you grew up in or the home you are building now?
9. What is most intimidating or overwhelming to you about passing or receiving the baton? Encourage one another!
10. Read Psalm 23:6 and Lamentations 3:22-24. In what area of your life do you most need to receive the mercy of God? Where do you need new beginnings, fresh hope, and a great work of God that you don't deserve?

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

- Read Deuteronomy 6, Psalm 78, Matthew 22:37-40
Read Gentle and Lowly in the next few months – available in foyer next week!
Pick up a "Judges" Scripture journal – available in foyer soon!
Watch this overview on Judges from the Bible Project
– www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOYy8iCfIJ4
Read about passing on the faith to the next generation:
<http://faithgateway.com/blogs/christian-books/passing-on-faith-to-the-next-generation> www.gospelfamily.org/blog/passing-the-baton-to-the-next-generation
Read "Leading Teenagers to Own a Faith that is Important"
– <https://youthministry360.com/blogs/all/leading-teenagers-to-own-a-faith-that-is-important>
Help teens to own and share their faith
– www.youtube.com/watch?v=HK9lSiEcW7k
Encouragement for parents of children who are not walking closely with the Lord
– www.biblicalcounselingcoalition.org/2021/01/21/seven-recommendations-for-parents-of-prodigal-children/
– www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1BEQ6MMuLQ