

The Courage to Obey

Joshua 1 & 24

6-7-15

1. Pastor Jim posed the question, “How do I move forward in my faith?” Think of some significant life events where you saw your faith grow. What were the events and how did you experience growth in your faith?
2. Compare Joshua 1:1 to Joshua 24:29. What is Joshua’s title in 1:1 and how has it changed by the end of Joshua in chapter 24? Why is being a servant in the kingdom of God the highest title? What does Jesus say about being a servant and why is being a servant our highest calling? (See Matt. 20:25-27; Mk. 9:33-35, 10:45).
3. Read John 2:1-12. How do the servants react to Jesus’ commands? What can we learn from them regarding our own obedience to God? What do you think would have happened if the servants had refused to obey Jesus?
4. As soon as God gives Joshua his assignment what does he say? (See v. 7a). Why are we often fearful to accept an assignment from God? In what ways have you known fear to cripple you or prevent you from obeying God? What is the promise that God makes Joshua near the end of v. 9 that we can hold on to?
5. Pastor Jim mentioned that an assignment from God offers the chance for obedience and obedience offers the opportunity to see God do amazing things, which will increase your faith and cause you to know him better and love him more. How have you seen past obedience turn into blessing? In what small ways can you immediately obey God? Is there a greater assignment God is calling you to in the future? Discuss with your small group.
6. Take some time to pray with your small group. Pray for the courage to obey God in whatever assignment he calls you to. Encourage one another by remembering the words of Jesus in Matt. 28:19-20.