

Courage

Joshua 1:1-9

6-14-15

1. Pastor Jim mentioned that all of us at some point feel like the Cowardly Lion in the Wizard of Oz. What have been some of your greatest fears? Are there any specific verses in the Bible that have helped you to overcome your fear?
2. Read Joshua 1:1-9 aloud. What did God command Joshua to be three times? Why do you think God emphasizes this command and what can we learn from this command?
3. Pastor Jim mentioned that there are things inherent in every assignment that God gives us that threaten to rob us of our courage. What is currently robbing you of your courage? What fears do you think Joshua was facing? Is fear preventing you from taking the next step on your journey of faith?
4. Pastor Jim mentioned that there are things we can remember to encourage us when fear rears its ugly head. The first thing to remember is that God has given us the assignment. Why is it important to remember this truth? If God has given us the assignment, what's *our* responsibility? Who else in the Bible did God commission for a specific assignment and what can we learn from them? (See Exodus 3-4; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Acts 9:1-19).
5. The second truth Pastor Jim asked us to remember is that God is responsible for the outcome. How does this truth take the weight of burden off our shoulders? Read and meditate on Matthew 11:28-30 as a reminder of Jesus' promise for rest.
6. The final truth we should remember when given an assignment is that God is with us. How can this truth provide us with comfort when we feel like we've messed up? Do you believe God is big enough to compensate for your mistakes? Take some time to encourage one another in your group through prayer.