



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Joshua 1:1-11 Discussion Questions

Choose 1 or more Questions from each of the five below.

1. After Moses' death, the LORD called Joshua to arise, cross the Jordan, and lead the people into the land He had promised them (Joshua 1:1-3).

Why might this new responsibility have seemed overwhelming to Joshua after the death of Moses?

What does God's call to Joshua teach us about trusting Him when one season of life ends and another begins?

When God gives us a new responsibility, how can faith move us from uncertainty to obedient action?

2. The LORD promised Joshua, "Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you" (Joshua 1:5).

How would the promise of God's presence strengthen Joshua for the dangers and difficulties ahead?

What is the difference between courage based on our own ability and courage based on God's faithfulness?

How can knowing that Christ is with us through the indwelling Holy Spirit help us face fear, suffering, or discouragement?

3. The LORD told Joshua to be strong and very courageous by carefully obeying His law and not turning from it to the right or to the left (Joshua 1:7).

Why does obeying God sometimes require even more courage than facing an outward enemy?

What subtle influences can tempt followers of Jesus to turn aside from what He has commanded?

How does love for Jesus and trust in Him help us remain obedient when faithfulness is difficult or costly?

4. The LORD commanded Joshua to keep the Book of the Law on his lips and meditate on it day and night so he would carefully obey it (Joshua 1:8).

Why did God connect meditating on His Word with obeying His Word and having good success?

What does it mean to meditate on Scripture rather than merely read it and quickly forget it?

What practical habits can help us anchor our thoughts and choices in the Bible and the teachings of Jesus each day?

5. After hearing the LORD's promises and commands, Joshua immediately told the officers to prepare the people to cross the Jordan (Joshua 1:10-11).

What does Joshua's prompt response reveal about the relationship between faith and obedience?

Why should trusting God's promises lead us to prepare and act instead of simply waiting for circumstances to change?

What is one step of courageous obedience a follower of Jesus can take while trusting God's presence and promises? Today? This week?