



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Courage is Commanded*

Text: Joshua 1:1-9

Service Date: October 20, 2024

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- How has God been speaking to your heart and life recently? Was there anything specific from the Formation Journal since your group last met?
- Matt Hayden began the sermon talking about how there are some seasons in life that are inevitable (i.e. job change, kids/you getting older, a loved one passing, etc.). What have been some of the inevitable seasons you've faced in life? Were they difficult, easy, dreaded, or a mixture of emotions?

Sermon Discussion

- Read Joshua 1:1-9. What things stick out to you in the passage or from the Sunday sermon and why?
- Have you ever felt like the Israelites? You had a time in your life where it was one problem after another, and you had difficulty seeing God at work in your life. Were you able to stay close to God or did you become a “whiner”? How do we keep ourselves from becoming like the complaining Israelites?
- Why is it so difficult to stay focused in our faith during the storms of life if we follow the One who can calm the raging seas at a moment's notice?
- The title of the sermon was “Courage is Commanded.” Joshua 1:9 says, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” This verse is easier said than done. When God calls us to “go” and step out courageously in faith, He often may not reveal each step we must make or even the outcome of how things will end. But sometimes, growing our faith is more about the process than the outcome. What is something lately that you've done that required courageous faith? If nothing comes to mind, is there something that God has placed upon your heart in which you just need to be obedient and “go”?

- How do you have courage and continue to have faith in God’s promises during difficult times? How do you explain this process to someone who doesn’t have an on-going, personal relationship with Jesus?
- The Bible tells us to be strong and courageous. What does that look like in the life of a Christian?
- The opposite of being courageous is being a coward. Do you see most Christians as living courageously or as cowards? What is the danger of living in America and being so comfortable in your faith that you never have to risk anything?

In the following areas, which side would you find yourself more often:

Cowardly Faith

Courageous Faith

Family Life and/or Raising Kids

Serving with Your Talents

Reading and Applying Scripture

Telling Others About Jesus

Finances/Giving

Decisions Affecting the Future

Something on Your Heart Currently?

- Courageous faith can lead to leaving a legacy of faith to those who come after you. This is what correlates with Hebrews 11, known as the chapter of faith in the Bible. What do you hope your legacy of faith will be, and does this differ from your what you’re doing in life currently?
- This week, what would it take for you to have courageous faith in every area of life? How can those in your group be praying for you?

Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?

We’d love to hear about it! In fact, one of Tri-Village’s values is “Stories of Life Change”. Visit tri-village.org/yourstory and share how God worked.