



WELCOME
to
RIVERSIDE
CHURCH

Big Lake
Buffalo
Sauk Rapids

July 12, 2026

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Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

Most people have a “favorite story” or experience that they love to talk about.

(If you are married, your spouse knows what it is.)

Here's your chance: Tell your story!

1. Read **Deuteronomy 31:6, 8** and notice the promise Moses makes first to the people of Israel and then, personally, to his successor, Joshua. What difference does it make to you, personally, that this promise wasn't made just to the leader, but also to those who followed?
2. It was important in **Deuteronomy 37:7** for Moses to commission Joshua “as all Israel watched”. What was the significance for you of watching Pastor Tom hand off the leadership of Riverside Church to Pastor Kyle?
3. In **Joshua 1:7-9**, God commands Joshua to obey two sources of wisdom: the teaching of his mentor, Moses (relational), and the Book of the Law (written Scripture) itself. How diligently do you pursue the wisdom of a mentor and Scripture in your own life today, and how do those two sources hold up in your current leadership context?
4. In **Deuteronomy 31**, Moses commands all of Israel to be strong and courageous before charging Joshua with that same call individually – and God repeats it to Joshua again in **Joshua 1**. Why do you suppose Joshua needed to hear it personally, on top of hearing it as a part of the nation? How much do you need that same strength and courage to face the changes following a new leader requires?
5. **Joshua 4:6-7** describes a memorial that the Israelites erected at the shore of the Jordan river to remind themselves and future generations of what God had done there that day. How will the memorial stone you received help you remember not “the good old days”, but rather the remarkable things God did among us in guiding and establishing the next era of Riverside's kingdom work?

PERSONAL GUIDE

This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.

Day One: John 13; Psalm 25

Day Two: Deuteronomy 22; Proverbs 20

Day Three: 1 Chronicles 3; 2 Corinthians 8

Day Four: Revelation 2; Daniel 4

Day Five: Ecclesiastes 9; Acts 7

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3 Reasons for Strength and Courage

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Reason #2:

The _____ Transcend the Leader

Joshua 1:7-9a

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command - be strong and courageous!"

Reason #3:

The _____ Is the Source of Truth

Joshua 4:6b-7

"In the future your children will ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' Then you can tell them, 'They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the Lord's Covenant went across.' These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever."

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