

A SMALL GROUP STUDY

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ABOUT DRIVETIME DEVOTIONS SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Welcome to this special Drivetime Devotions, small group study. This 5-week study is designed so that you can enjoy Drivetime Devotions as a podcast throughout the week and then talk about it with your small group. This will allow for more time in your small group for discussion, application, and fellowship.

The purpose of Drivetime Devotions is to help you know God's Word and put it into practice. It's usually better to study small sections of God's Word each day instead of a larger section once a week. Studying the Bible is like eating—you'll be healthier if you eat small amounts each day rather than one big meal a week! Episodes are designed to be listened to once per day, five days a week. In the event you miss a day or two, you can still stay on schedule.

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In Drivetime Devotions, Pastor Tom Holladay teaches God's Word and helps you put it into practice. With over 30 million downloads, Drivetime Devotions has built a reputation for changing lives and helping people grow closer to God. You can access this podcast study on JOSHUA by downloading the DrivetimeDevotions app for your phone or by going to DrivetimeDevotions.com.

HOW TO USE THIS INTERACTIVE STUDY GUIDE

This study guide is designed to be used as a downloaded file on your tablet or phone. You do not need to print it out unless you want to.

A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOU DIG IN



LISTEN

Prepare yourself before each study by listening to each week's five daily podcast episodes (one per day).



CHECKING IN

Open each meeting with a time for everyone to check in on each other's progress with the podcast. Accountability is a key to success in this study!



KEY VERSE

Each week you will find a key verse (or verses) from the chapter you are studying. You may want to memorize this verse together as a group.



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

These are questions for group discussion. Please don't feel pressured to discuss every single question. The material in this study is meant to be your servant, not your master. Therefore there is no reason to rush through your discussions. Give everyone ample time to share their thoughts.

Some questions will reference the verses from which they are taken. Many groups will want to have someone read those verses accompanying the question. There is something powerful about hearing the Bible read aloud together as a group.



LIVING ON PURPOSE

This section helps you encourage each other in balancing God's five purposes of evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship. Each week, there will be a prayer, practical action, or personal assignment that focuses on one of these purposes.



PRAYING TOGETHER

At the end of each session you will find suggestions for your group prayer time. Praying together is one of the greatest privileges of small group life. Please don't take it for granted.

Get ready for God to do incredible things in your life as you begin the adventure of learning more deeply about the most exciting message in the world: the truth about God!

A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOU DIG IN



TELL A FRIEND

As you go through each session, the Holy Spirit may bring to mind different people in your life. You may even want to write their names down beside a point, phrase, or verse in the margins. Take the opportunity to share God's Word in a friend's life during the week.

WEEK ONE: JOSHUA Chapters 1-2



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK ONE



CHECKING IN

1. If you're just starting as a group, take some time to get to know each other by going around the circle and sharing your name, where you grew up, and something about your life.
2. What is the most memorable transition or new beginning you have experienced in your life?



KEY VERSE

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Joshua 1 describes how God commanded Joshua to prepare to cross the Jordan after Moses' death. What is a past season or comfort zone you have needed to let go of to step into what God has for you next, and how can we encourage each other to move forward? *Verses 1:1-2*
2. God promises Joshua that He will be with him and give him every place he sets his foot. When you read this promise, how does it change your approach to an area where you feel hesitant, and how can we remind each other of God's presence when fear creeps in? *Verses 1:3-5*
3. God repeatedly commands Joshua to be strong and courageous by meditating on His Word. How do you personally stay grounded in God's Word when you feel overwhelmed, and what practical ideas can we share to help each other stay consistent? *Verses 1:6-9*

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5. The spies are sent to view the land, shifting their focus from what they couldn't do to what God could do. What is a big dream in your life that you need to start viewing with faith instead of fear, and how can we help each other measure our dreams by God's power? *Verses 2:1*
6. Rahab, despite her past and her doomed city, placed her trust in God's greatness and was saved by the scarlet thread. How does her story inspire you to trust God with your own past, and how can we support those around us who feel they are too far gone for God's grace? *Verses 2:8-21*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

WORSHIP

Take a moment this week to write down three big obstacles you are facing, and spend time in prayer worshiping God for His faithfulness in the past, declaring your trust in Him for your current challenges.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray together for the courage to step into the promises God has for us, asking Him to help everyone let go of their pasts and trust His presence in current battles.

WEEK ONE



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK TWO: JOSHUA Chapters 3-5



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK TWO



CHECKING IN

1. Looking back at last week, did anyone take a step of courage in a situation where you had previously felt fearful, or spend time worshipping God over an obstacle?
2. If you had to cross a wide, rushing river and there was no bridge, what creative method would you use to get across?



KEY VERSE

"Joshua told the people, 'Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.'"

Joshua 3:5 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Joshua tells the people to consecrate themselves and follow the ark of the covenant because they had never been that way before. In what current, unfamiliar situation do you need to intentionally follow God's presence, and how can we help each other stay focused on Him? *Verses 3:3-5*
2. The priests had to step into the flooded Jordan before the waters parted. What is a step of faith you feel God asking you to take before you see the solution, and how can we encourage you to get your feet wet? *Verses 3:14-17*
3. God commanded the Israelites to set up twelve stones as a memorial of His deliverance. How do you personally remember God's past faithfulness, and how can we make a habit of sharing these "memorial stones" together as a group? *Verses 4:4-7*
4. After crossing the Jordan, the Israelites circumcised the new generation

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5. The manna ceased the day after they ate the produce of the promised land, showing they had to look forward rather than depend on the past. What is something from your past you need to stop relying on to fully embrace what God is doing now, and how can we help each other look forward? *Verses 5:11-12*
6. Joshua encountered the commander of the Lord's army and realized he was fighting with God, not just for Him. How does knowing you do not fight alone change your perspective on your current struggles, and how can we remind each other of this truth during tough weeks? *Verses 5:13-15*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

EVANGELISM

Identify one person in your life who is facing a difficult transition or "crossing" right now, and reach out to them this week to share a story of how God was faithful to you in a hard time, offering to pray for them.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that the group would have the faith to get their feet wet in the challenges they face, trusting God to part the waters and to fight their battles alongside them.

WEEK TWO



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WEEK THREE: JOSHUA Chapters 6-8



LISTEN

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WEEK THREE



CHECKING IN

1. How did it go this past week reaching out to someone facing a difficult crossing and sharing your story of God's faithfulness?
2. Have you ever tried to fix or build something using your own strategy, only to realize later you should have just followed the instructions?



KEY VERSE

"But the LORD said to Joshua, 'I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its mighty warriors.'"

Joshua 6:2 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. God told Joshua the city of Jericho was already given to them, even though the walls were tightly shut. What difficult circumstance are you looking at right now that you need to view through the lens of God's promises, and how can we help each other trust God's word over our circumstances? *Verses 6:1-2*
2. The Israelites were commanded to march around the city and shout, relying on God's strategy rather than their military strength. In what area of your life are you exhausted from relying on your own strength, and how can we encourage one another to surrender to God's strategy? *Verses 6:3-5*
3. God required the Israelites to wait until the seventh day to shout for victory. How do you handle the waiting periods in your faith journey, and how can we support each other when we feel tempted to force our own timing? *Verses 6:14-16*

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5. Joshua called Achan out, bringing his hidden actions into the light. Why is it so hard to be completely honest with God and others about our failures, and how can we create a safe environment here to confess and find healing? *Verses 7:19-21*
6. After their defeat and restoration, Joshua built an altar and read the blessings and curses of the Law to all the people. How does returning to the center of God's Word help you reset after a personal failure, and how can we support each other in keeping God's truth central? *Verses 8:30-35*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

DISCIPLESHIP

Choose one area of your life where you have been relying on your own strength or ignoring a "small" sin, and find an accountability partner within this group to check in with you about it twice this week.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the discipline to wait on God's timing and the courage to bring hidden struggles into the light so that the group can experience His victory together.

WEEK THREE



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK FOUR: JOSHUA Chapters 9-17



LISTEN

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WEEK FOUR



CHECKING IN

1. Did anyone have a chance to connect with an accountability partner this week, and how did that help you rely on God's strength?
2. If you had to wear a disguise to trick someone, what would your disguise be?



KEY VERSE

"The LORD said to Joshua, 'Do not be afraid of them, because by this time tomorrow I will hand all of them over to Israel.'"

Joshua 11:6 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. The Gibeonites deceived Joshua by wearing worn-out clothes because Joshua did not inquire of the Lord. When have you been deceived by something that looked harmless on the surface, and how can we help each other seek God's counsel before making decisions? *Verses 9:3-14*
2. Joshua won a series of seemingly small, routine battles throughout the region to secure the land. What are the minor, daily skirmishes that threaten to defeat your faith, and how can we encourage one another to rely on God's power in those small moments? *Verses 10:29-40*
3. A massive alliance of kings attacked Israel like a sledgehammer, but God told Joshua not to be afraid. How do you typically react when life hits you with overwhelming opposition, and how can we point each other to God's love to conquer that fear? *Verses 11:1-6*
4. Joshua waged war against the ²²kings for a long time, showing that spiritual victory requires persistence. What is a long-term battle you are fighting

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5. The Israelites failed to drive out all their enemies, leaving small pockets of resistance that later caused immense trouble. What is a seemingly insignificant bad habit in your life that you are allowing to stay, and how can we hold each other accountable to remove it? *Verses 15:63*
6. The Israelites eventually became enslaved to the attitudes and materialism of the Canaanites they permitted to remain. In what ways do you feel the surrounding culture influencing your faith, and how can we intentionally resist compromising our devotion to God together? *Verses 16:10*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

FELLOWSHIP

Plan a casual get-together with the group this week, such as a potluck dinner or meeting for coffee, to build stronger alliances with one another so you can support each other in life's daily skirmishes.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that God will grant the group the wisdom to seek His counsel in all decisions and the perseverance to fight spiritual battles without compromise.

WEEK FOUR



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK FIVE: JOSHUA Chapters 18-24



LISTEN

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WEEK FIVE



CHECKING IN

1. What was the highlight of the group get-together or connection you made with someone in the group this past week?
2. If you could claim any piece of land or property in the world as your own, where would it be?



KEY VERSE

"But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Joshua 24:15 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Seven tribes were procrastinating and putting off receiving their inheritance until Joshua challenged them to map it out. What is a specific promise or calling from God that you have been putting off, and how can we help you map out your first steps this week? *Verses 18:1-3*
2. Caleb confidently asked for the hill country filled with giants because he wholeheartedly anticipated God's presence. How does anticipating God's presence change the way you view the "giants" in your life, and how can we foster that kind of bold confidence in each other? *Verses 14:6-12*
3. Joshua reminds the people that God gave them the land as a gift, and not one of His good promises failed. How does viewing God's promises as a gift of grace rather than a reward change your approach to Him, and how can we remind each other of this grace? *Verses 21:43-45*
4. A massive misunderstanding over an altar almost led to civil war among

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5. In his final address, Joshua recounts how God actively pursued and chose the Israelites throughout their history. How does recognizing that God has chosen and pursued you impact your desire to serve Him, and how can we celebrate God's pursuit of us together? *Verses 24:3-13*
6. Joshua challenges the people to make a definitive choice to serve the Lord and throw away their false gods. What competing loyalties do you need to throw away today so you can wholeheartedly serve the Lord, and how can we stand with you in that decision? *Verses 24:14-15*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

MINISTRY

Identify a practical need in your community or church—such as serving at a food bank, helping a neighbor with yard work, or volunteering in children's ministry—and sign up to serve together as a group this month.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for a wholehearted commitment to serve the Lord, asking Him to give the group the grace to throw away any competing idols and to step boldly into the inheritance He has given us.

WEEK FIVE



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