

Joshua 1  
Lifelong Call of Joshua  
Small Group Discussion Q's

This will be a bit different approach to small group discussion. The group will view the milestone moments in Joshua's life through the lens of his Joshua calling to see how he was shaped for his calling, and called into his shape (character and preparedness).

Read Joshua 1 together, paying special attention to verses 5-9.

- What are the elements of his calling?
- Who/what does it depend on?
- What is his role and what is God's role?
- How does he respond? Does he appear ready? Surprised? Anxious?
- What do verses 16-18 say about Joshua's relationship with the people? What about their call? What role are they to play?

Now split up the following passages between the group. Feel free to read outside the assigned verses to gain context if need be.

- **Exodus 17:13-14**
- **Exodus 24:12-14**
- **Exodus 32:16-19**
- **Exodus 33:10-11**
- **Numbers 11:27-30**
- **Numbers 13:25-14:10**
- **Deuteronomy 31:6-23, 32:6,9, 44, 33:29, 34:9**

Have each person/group answer the following questions about each passage and present to the group.

- What did Joshua likely learn through this encounter?
- How did it shape him for his calling in Joshua 1?
- How was the call itself foreshadowed in this incident? In other words, What was God saying to him through this that he would then call him to say and do later in life?
- Is there a lesson from this moment in Joshua's lifelong calling and shaping that points to my own story in a way that I want to mark and remember? Share it with the group.

At the end of the time (hoping you've gotten this far), invite folks to share their moments of early "sovereign foundations," "word deposits," "discernment listening," "courageous waiting," and "call to faith-filled action over fear" with the entire group. See if common themes coalesce lessons glisten, and if there may be a corporate call for your group emerging. *Hazaakh! Be strong and courageous and do not fear!*

