Joshua 23
11/8/2026
Discussion Questions

Opening

1. Welcome each person by name. Ask each person to briefly introduce themselves if they have not done so
2. Then invite each person to give one word (or two) to describe how they are feeling
3. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion

Warm-up Question (optional)

Describe something *positive* that helped you get through a difficult experience

Reading

1. Invite one person to read through Joshua 23:1-8
2. Invite another person to read Joshua 23:9-13
3. Invite another person to read through Joshua 23:14-16
4. Give the group 2 minutes to reflect silently on the Joshua 23: look for key words, big ideas, what resonates

Discussion: Feel free to select one or two or more questions

- What questions does Joshua 23:1-8 raise for you? Why?
- What word or phrase do you notice from Joshua 23:1-8? Why?
- What does Joshua want Israel to learn from the battles the Lord has already fought?
- Verse 5 has the word "push back" and "possess" which are derived from the same Hebrew root word. How do you understand the complementarity of what the Lord did and what Israel was expected to do in this context?
- What might help you deepen your living out of the word of God (v.6) this week?
- Describe what "clinging" to the Lord feels like in your own experience (also perhaps look at Psalm 63)
- Looking at Joshua 23:9-13: What particular promises could Joshua's generation cite from the Lord as the root or basis for their life? What promises of God are you relying on today?
- On a 1-5 scale (5=highest), rate your current level of 'spiritual sleepiness'
- Looking at Joshua 23:14-16: Consider what it means to 'finish well' the race that is set before you (Acts 20:24, 2 Timothy 4:7): what does this mean if you are in your 20s today or if you are in your 60s or 70s or inbetween??
- If Israel was not to 'mix' with the nations, then what does that mean for us today as a Christian community? What biblical basis exists for how we as a collective are to engage with the nations?

- How do you respond to others' beliefs and values? Dialogue and respect? Condemn and reject? Something else? Where do you wrestle with how to respond to those who do not share your faith in Jesus Christ? Why?

Prayer: 15 minutes before the end of the meeting

- Invite people to share specific areas of praise or thanksgiving to the Lord
- Invite people to share particular prayer needs
- Invite people to pray openly. Close with Lord's prayer.