

Personal weekly Bible readings to go deeper into Scripture.

Memory Verse: Judges 2:10-11

Day 1 – Chapter 8 of “The Story”

Day 2 – Judges 1-4

Day 3 – Judges 6-8

Day 4 – Judges 13-14

Day 5 – Judges 15-16

Questions to consider while reading the Bible:

Is there an example to follow?

Is there a sin to avoid?

Is there a promise to rely on?

Is there a command to obey?

Is there a challenge in which to respond?



The Story: The Battle Begins

October 27-28

“The Story” Chapter 7; Joshua 1:8-9, Joshua 24:14-15

Please use this space to take notes during the message today.



“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.”

Joshua 1:9

Adult and teen small group discussion points

Please use these discussion questions in your small group or with your teens.

1. As a young person, who did you look up to as a hero, either fictional or real? What about them made them your hero?
2. In the original languages both “Joshua” and “Jesus” mean “Jehovah saves.” How is Joshua’s relationship to Israel similar to Jesus’ relationship to the church?
3. What basis did Joshua have for being “strong and courageous” (p. 89)? Which of these assurances gives you strength and encouragement?
4. What concerns might Joshua have had as he accepted the reigns of leadership from Moses? What can we learn from the people’s response to Joshua that can apply to changes of leadership at our church?
5. Rahab told the two spies: “I know that the Lord has given you this land. . .” (p.90) Upon what was her declaration of faith based? How could she be a prostitute, so easily tell lies, and not be a part of God’s chosen people, yet be attributed with great faith?
6. Rahab hid the spies and then lied to the authorities when they came looking for them. (p. 90) When, if ever, is it okay to lie? How do you know?
7. Review the main points of the covenant that God made with Abraham. (See the summary for Chapter 2, also p. 13) What examples can you find in this chapter that show God’s faithfulness to its fulfillment?
8. Some people doubt the Bible because of miracles like Joshua’s “long day.” (p. 97) But some people, like Rahab, come to believe in God because of his miraculous works. Discuss how you might respond to the skeptic who discounts the miraculous as myth.
9. Joshua is known for his statement “As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” (p.101) He read the words of God’s story to all the people: children, teens, and adults. What are ways we can help the children and young people in our lives grow in their knowledge of and love for the Bible? How can you lead your household to serve the Lord? How can this be done in both our homes and churches?



Family’s with kids discussion points

Please use these discussion questions with your children.

Key verse: Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9.

1. Read Joshua 3: 15-17. How did God show his power before the Israelites even got to Jericho? When did God show his power to part the water before this?
2. Do you think God’s people felt silly walking around Jericho for six days while being completely quiet? How does this show they had faith in God?
3. What do you think the people inside Jericho were thinking as they watched the Israelites march around their city?
4. What was the confidence level of God’s people after they watched the walls around Jericho tumble down under God’s mighty hand?
5. Spend a few moments talking about Rahab and how she helped God’s people in a big way.
6. God blessed Rahab for her faith and for helping His people. What are some ways you can show your faith in God and help other people?

Family Activity: God brought people together to help the Israelites. In Jericho, Rahab helped the spies. God used her to make a big difference for his people. She even shows up in the genealogy of Jesus (Matthew 1:5), which shows how God can work through all kinds of different people to accomplish his plans. As a family, look to make a difference in one person’s life by showing God’s love in a tangible way. If no one comes to mind right away, feel free to talk to a Pastor, your neighbors and friends to find an individual who might need some help. Be creative as you seek to serve one person in your community. Finally, make sure that this person knows of God’s great love for him or her!

Pray together: Dear Heavenly Father, You are our great God and protector over all. Thank you for being there for us as we battle our evil foe, the devil. Thank you for sending us Jesus who has conquered him for us, so that one day we will receive the Promised Land prepared for us. Amen!

