

SERIES: LESSONS FOR LIFE FROM GOD'S SERVANT, JOSHUA

Lesson #7: "God Delivers on His Promises"

Joshua 14-18

Announcements and opening prayer



Connect: an opportunity for people to immediately interact and connect with each other; icebreaker/attention getters. **Icebreaker:** Have you ever decided to do the right thing before God knowing that it was going to be in direct opposition to your family or people you were very close to? What happened?

Transition: There is a time when you or I may have to make a choice to do the right thing before God and stand opposed to our own family or friends.

The Bottom Line: God delivers His promised blessings those who are faithful!

LESSON PLAN



Denotes "Apply"

Background: God makes His will clear to us. His will for us is that with our freewill to choose, whatever we do in life, we bring glory and honor to Him. Psalm 1 tells us that the man who follows God will be like a tree planted by the river of water; his leaf will not wither; and whatever he does will prosper. Caleb was the perfect example of God's blessing and truth upon the faithful. For 85 years Caleb has done the right thing before God, just like Joshua. They were the 2 spies who came back from scouting the Promised Land fully trusting God. The other 10 brought back fear and pessimism rather than excitement and vision. Now the land is being divided among the tribes. Let's see what we can learn from this great example.

Read Joshua 14:1-15

1. What did Caleb ask of Joshua and why?

⌚ How are we like spies in this land?

⌚ How can we be like Caleb and Joshua in the land we are dwelling in as foreigners and aliens?



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⌚ In what ways can we be like the other 10 spies in the land we are living in?

2. How old is Caleb when he makes this request and how do you see he still has this heart ready to fight for his Lord?
3. What land did God have Joshua give to Caleb?

The "hill country of the Anakites had cities that were large and fortified. They were the very things that the ten faithless spies used to discourage the Israelites from entering the Promised Land (Nu 13:28-29). Caleb viewed them as a challenge. By faith Joshua and Caleb triumphed over the formidable foe who intimidated the unbelieving Israelites. Hebron is only one of many cities that had to be captured more than once because it was so powerful and well protected. Then the land had rest from war.

⌚ What promises of God do you cling to?

Read Joshua 15:13-19

4. What was the promise made to the man who would attack and conquer Kiriath Sepher, the ancient city of Debir?
5. Who won the promise?
6. What does she ask her dad for *ask for*?

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⌚ How can a father be faithful today in a ways that brings blessings on his family?

Read Joshua 17:14-18

7. What seems to be the problem?

Read Joshua 18:1-10

8. What was unique about Shiloh?



Interactive Teaching Ideas: ideas for learner-focused teaching. Ask the class to discuss at each table the following assignment and then share the results from each table. If you don't have tables, simply divide into groups for this part of the lesson. **How could you use today's truths to explain the faithfulness of God to those who are faithful to Him?**



Going Deeper/Homework:

Memory Verse: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3).