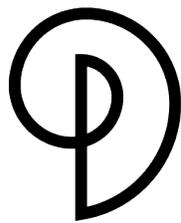


SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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Transitions: Moses to Joshua

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For the Israelites, the end of Moses' leadership before entering into the Promised Land would have felt overwhelming. But in the end, Joshua was exactly the leader the Israelites needed to lead them forward. This ancient story reveals some relevant lessons for a healthy leadership transition today.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 31:1-13

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

When God called Moses to lead the Israelites out of their slavery in Egypt, through the wilderness to the Promised Land, he didn't think he was qualified. But in fact, Moses was custom-made for the job. However, just as they stood on the threshold of the Promised Land, Moses announced that he wasn't the leader to take them across the Jordan River. Our Scripture reading today, from Deuteronomy 31, provides some important lessons about leadership transitions as the mantle of leadership passes from Moses to Joshua.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **God calls specific leaders for specific legs of the journey.** Share about a time you felt called into leadership for a specific task at a specific time. What skills did you bring to the table? What did you learn along the way? How did God use you for His purpose? If you accomplished the task, how did you know it was time to transition out of the role? Was another leader ready to step into the next part of the journey? If you haven't yet accomplished the task, what is your plan for finishing and transitioning out?
- **There will be barriers on the journey of accomplishing God's work. And perhaps the greatest of those barriers will be resistance to change.** On a scale of 1 (I hate change!) to 10 (I love change!) how do you feel about change? Has resistance to change ever held you back from an intriguing opportunity? Share about that. Have you ever overcome resistance to change and been blessed in the end? Share about that.
- **Trust that God is on the journey with you.** Share about a time when it was clear to you that God was with you. How does remembering God's faithfulness in the past help you trust God with your future?
- **Stay grounded in God's Word. Scripture reminds us of the promises of God: That we are loved. That we are never alone. That God is at work in us.** How do you stay grounded in God's Word? Share about a time when God's Word communicated exactly what you needed to hear exactly when you needed to hear it.

APPLICATION: This week, spend some time reflecting on a favorite passage of scripture. What promise of God is it reminding you of? How can it help you navigate a transition you are facing?