

PREACHING CURRICULUM

Grow UP in Courage

Joshua 1:5-9

'Fear is the enemy of courage... God is the solution...'

God desires us to be marked by courage, the opposite of this goes by innumerable names,

Courage:- to be hardened, to be fortified, to be established

'Discouragement is the symptom of spiritual atrophy...'

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Reread Joshua 1:5-9

What is a chiastic structure in these verses? What does it point our attention and focus to (vs. 7b-8a)?

How do we get courage?

In what way(s) is the Bible more than just a book filled with knowledge and morality?

What do we learn about God from this passage that should and will encourage and build courage in us

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

What frightens you? What makes you feel weak?

Are you discouraged in your Christian walk? If so, what do you feel the cause to be? Is a lack of courage stunting your ministry?

What have been (are) some evidences of courage in your life? Are these evidences visible to others, especially the next generation?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

How do we live a life of courage?

Is our source of courage a biblical source? What are some deceptive sources of courage that the world pretends to offer?

What does the Bible teach us is the source of courage?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

If you believe the Bible to be God's word/revelation, what steps can you take this week to let it get into you so you can be marked by courage?

How can we help hold each other accountable in that?