

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

As the people of God we should be committed to reading Scripture every day. Here are daily readings and questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and we would be honored to provide one. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number of the book. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.

### **Monday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Joshua 1**

Today we begin the Book of Joshua. This will launch us into the next section of the Old Testament referred to as the History of Israel. The history is the largest section of study and will be interspersed with the Wisdom writings and the Prophets as we go. We finished Deuteronomy with Moses death. Israel is standing camp at the Jordan River and it is time to cross over. What is the first thing that happens (vss 1-9)? Why do you think God tells this to Joshua? What hint about the rest of this book do you get from God? What words are repeated here? Do you remember what the Book of Instruction was that Joshua is to mediate over? Now that God has spoken to Joshua, what does Joshua do (vss. 10-11)? Whom does he speak to next (vss. 12-15)? How did these tribes respond (vss. 16-18)? Imagine how difficult fulfilling the promise must have been. After all they were settled and getting comfortable. Now the men had to depart to live up to the commitment they had given God and Moses. That is called integrity. Ponder today the integrity we see throughout this chapter. God has integrity in that he will be faithful to His covenant. Joshua will fulfill his covenant to lead the people in strength and courage. The three tribes are fulfilling their covenant to help their relatives conquer the Promised Land. What covenant have you made with God? (Think about your baptismal covenant.) How was God faithful to His end of the covenant? How much integrity have you shown in your end of the covenant? If you are falling short of your end, repent of your sin and turn back to God. Move forward in strength and courage to fulfill your promises to God.

### **Tuesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Joshua 2**

As we begin the story of conquering the Promise Land, we see that Joshua is smart. Instead of just charging ahead, what does Joshua do (vss. 1-2)? What happened (vss. 3-7)? Who is Rahab and what does the text tell us about her? Now Rahab is a smart woman. How do we know that (vss. 8-11)? What deal does she broker (vss. 12-13)? Do the spies agree (vs. 14)? What happens next and what are the full terms of this agreement (vss. 15-21)? What happens to the spies (vss. 22-24)? Some things to consider from this story. Sometimes help comes from unlikely places, so be open to where the Lord may lead you? Also, not everyone who is different from you will be opposed to what you believe. In fact, many may have heard and are waiting to cut a deal. Be ready at all times to help someone know God better. As we continue this week, we will see if we have another shining example or two of integrity. How is your integrity coming along this week?

### **Wednesday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> – Joshua 3**

It is here! The day we have been reading about for 18+ months. Israel is going to cross over into the Promised Land! Whoo-Hoo! So let's read how this blessed event happens. We start with verses 1-4. Where are they at? How long will they be there? What are the marching instructions they are given (vs. 3)? Who will guide them (vs. 4)? What instructions does Joshua give Israel on the third day (vs. 5)? And so it begins. What happens on the 4<sup>th</sup> day (vs. 6)? Can you imagine how nervous and excited Joshua must have been? Know what Joshua was feeling, what affirmation and instructions does God give Joshua (vss. 7-8)? The last speech in the wilderness is in verses 9-13. What does Joshua say to the people? How will God be leading them (vs. 11)? What will happen when the Priests feet step into the water (vs. 13)? Now read the about the grand entrance in verses 14-17. What miracle happened? Why was it a miracle? How does this prove that God was near, nearer than they realized? What does this chapter reveal to you about God and his faithfulness? God and His ability to deliver? What does this reveal about us as humans? And how does this faithfulness in God point to the faithfulness of Jesus? Congratulations, we have arrived in the Promised Land.

### **Thursday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – Joshua 4**

As we continue our crossing into the Promised Land today, we read that this very important event needs a memorial. What will the Memorial be to mark this great occasion (vss. 1-5)? What will the Memorial do (vss. 6-8)? But this is not the only memorial set-up. What other Memorial of this auspicious occasion is erected (vs. 9)? Now we return back to the crossing over. Who led the Israelites and why (vss. 10-13)? What does the text say God did that day besides help Israel cross the Jordan River into the Promised Land (vs. 14)? This chapter ends with the completion of the crossover (vss. 15-19)? Where specifically is the Memorial set-up (vs. 20)? What do verses 21-24 reiterate? This is called a "book-end" in that this part of the story started with this and then ends with it. What does God reveal to us about himself today? What does God reveal about ourselves? (Consider the fact we need a memorial.) How is Jesus both our memorial and our way out of the wilderness? Spend some time in prayer today praising God for His mercy, faithfulness and guidance in your life.

### **Friday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup> – Joshua 5:1-12**

Now that we have arrived, we get to see what those first days and weeks were like. First, we learn about the surrounding kingdoms. How are they reacting to all of what has happened (vs. 1)? Next is reestablishing the covenant with God. What needs to happen (vss. 2-3)? Why did this need to happen (vss. 4-7)? After the men are circumcised, what happens (vs. 8)? On Sunday, Pastor Shirley explained why the place was named Gilgal. Why is it named this (vs. 8)? Two more major events happen during that first week. What were these events (vss. 9-12)? Can you imagine the joy at celebrating their first Passover in the Promised Land? And how the feeling that they had arrived when mana no longer was provided but they ate from crops of the land? These must have been truly amazing and life changing experiences for Israel at the same time somewhat frightening as change tends to do that to us. So again, after reading these first five chapters of Joshua, what has God revealed to you about himself and his character? What have you learned about yourself and how we are to respond? How does this foreshadow who Jesus is and how He will lead us? What do you need to apply to your life today so that you are following Jesus into a deeper relationship with this Holy God? Spend some quiet time today just in front of God asking Him to show you and just be still. Just "be" in God's presence.

### **Saturday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Joshua 6:15-21**