



# Leader

2/05 - Joshua 1:8-9

## LOVE

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)**

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new?! How is your walk with the Lord? Did you have any opportunities to share the Lord with anyone?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement? How can we pray, encourage, and show love to them?

## TRUTH

**Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)**

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?  
[Dialogue]
2. Read our primary text. Now visit Hebrews 1:1-2. What do we learn about God from these Old and New Testament passages? How does He speak to us today?  
God speaks. He has spoken at many times and in many ways, most recently speaking to us through His son, Jesus Christ. In addition to his revealed word, God also speaks to us through His Holy Spirit as the Spirit brings to remembrance all that He has commanded us (John 14:26).
3. What is your experience with meditation on God's words? Have you ever stilled your mind long enough to begin delighting in the Lord?  
[Dialogue]
4. Why do you think God desires for Joshua (and Israel) and even us do today to adhere so closely to His direction? Does the Bible give us any clarity on why? (see Deut. 5:29-6:3)  
Deuteronomy 5 and 6 tells us that we should do these things, so that:
  - That you may live
  - That your days may be long
  - That it may go well with you
  - That you may multiply greatly
5. In verse 9, God tells Joshua to be strong and courageous? What does this encompass? Be strong in courageous in what?  
At first glance, given the context, it makes sense to conclude that God is asking Joshua to be strong and courageous as Israel prepares to take enemy territory, but as you begin to look at the instances where is God commissioning leaders, being strong and courageous has more to do with obedience to the word than fortitude in battle.  
[v.7 - Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.]

6. What are areas we need to be strong and courageous, given the trends of our culture?

[Dialogue] - Examples: Gender, Abortion, Marriage, Sexuality, Nuclear Family, etc.

7. How does this text challenge you? How does it affect your daily life?

[Dialogue]

8. How might you share this passage/truth with someone else? A child? A family member?

[Dialogue]

## GREAT COMMISSION

**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)**

- Is there anyone that needs an invite to our church or this group?
- Is there anyone you know who needs to hear what we learned today in God's word?
- Does anyone here need a "refresher" on how to share the gospel?

## CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

**But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)**

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Without getting too specific, is there anything you want to confess before the group? [apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply his word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.

## HOMEWORK:

- **Memorize our weekly "Fighter Verse" - 1 Corinthians 1:18 - For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**
- **Listen to the book of Joshua over the next few weeks (approx. 1hr 42 mins, due 3/5).**

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Sources:

- ESV Study Bible (Crossway)