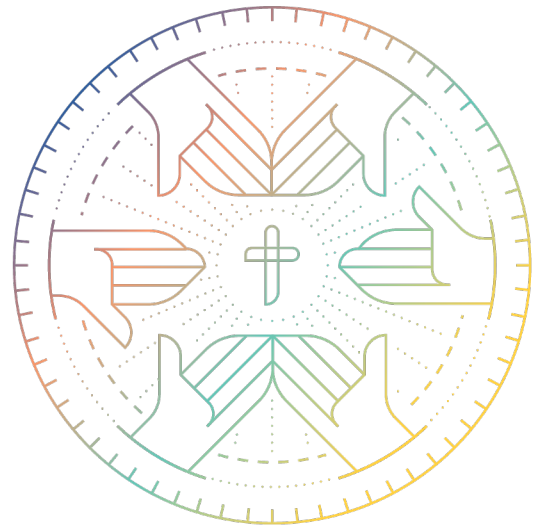


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WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER



SMALL GROUP GUIDE

More Than a Story: “God Is With You”
Scripture Focus: Joshua 1:5-9

ICEBREAKER

What is a fear you had as a kid—or still have today?

When have you experienced fear or discouragement in your faith journey and how did you overcome?

SERMON SUMMARY

Fear is universal—snakes, spiders, finances, health problems, and current events are just a few of the common fears we face. But in Joshua 1, we hear a powerful promise from God: “I will be with you wherever you go.” God gives this assurance to Joshua as he prepares to lead the Israelites after Moses. Joshua’s courage doesn’t come from confidence in himself—it comes from confidence in God’s presence.

This week’s message reminds us that fear, when left unchecked, can keep us from stepping into what God has promised. But when we root ourselves in God’s Word and cling to His presence, we can walk forward with strength and courage, knowing that we are never alone.

What part of the message stood out to you most?

INTO THE WORD

Read Joshua 1:5–9. What commands and promises does God give to Joshua? Why do you think God repeats the phrase ‘be strong and courageous’?

Read Numbers 13:27–33. How did fear shape the response of the spies? What are modern examples of fear keeping us from trusting God?

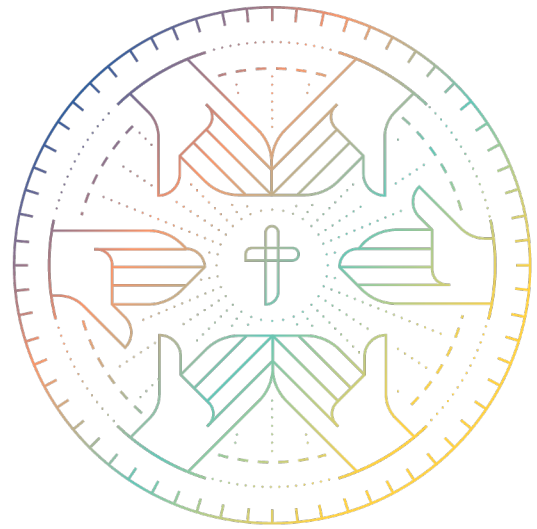
Read Isaiah 41:10, Isaiah 54:17, and Matthew 1:23. How do these verses strengthen your trust in God’s presence and protection? What does it mean to live as if ‘God is with you’ in daily life?

EMBRACE AND EMBODY

God’s call to Joshua is His call to us: Be strong and courageous. Not because you feel confident—but because God is with you. The antidote to fear is found in God’s Word and presence. Joshua 1:8 challenges us to meditate on God’s truth day and night. What does that look like in your life?

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W E A R E B E T T E R T O G E T H E R



This week, choose to replace fear with truth. When fear rises, remind yourself of God's promises. When discouragement creeps in, remember that nothing surprises God and He is still on the throne. You are not alone. God is with you wherever you go.

Seek God Daily: Memorize Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

PRAYER PRACTICE

Invite each person to write down one fear or discouragement they've been carrying. Then read Joshua 1:9 aloud slowly. Ask the group to reflect on what it means to walk in courage, not fear. Close in prayer with each person speaking, "God, thank You that You are with me in _____." (If group members will be hesitant to share, let them know they can simply say "God, thank You that You are with me in my unspoken request".)

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, we thank You for the promise that You are with us wherever we go. Give us courage to walk into the unknown, faith to trust You in the fear, and discipline to meditate on Your Word. Be our strength when we feel weak, and our peace when we feel overwhelmed. In Jesus' name, Amen.