



LIFE GROUP GUIDE

WEEK 3: JOSHUA 1:1-9 • HOMEWORK 1/30-2/4 • SERMON 2/2, 2/5

Prior to any movement or strategic plans to take the land, God starts with a reminder to Joshua of His power, His promise, and His presence. Joshua, stepping into the mantle of leadership for the nation of Israel, is doing so by the power and presence of the covenant keeping God we read about in Genesis through Deuteronomy.

DAY 1: MEDITATE

1. Read Joshua 1:1-9.

Record 3-5 observations below.

DAY 2: DWELL

2. Overview of Joshua. Fill in the chart below. You may need a study bible or you can watch the overview for Joshua from Bible Project here: [Bible Project: Joshua](#)

Author & Date:

To whom was it written?

What is the purpose of the book of Joshua?

3. As an assistant to Moses, Joshua would have helped record all that we read in the Pentateuch (Genesis-Deuteronomy). Consider the ways God prepared Joshua for this action of leading people into the land? Fill in the chart below as you reflect on Joshua 1:1-9.

What commands are given to Joshua in 1:1-9?	What repeated phrase does God speak to Joshua in these verses?	What reasons would Joshua have to be afraid?

DAY 3

4. What comforting promise does God give Joshua at the end of verses 1:5 and 1:9? Why is that significant as he steps into this new leadership role?
5. Gospel Connection: How do these verses in Joshua (1:5, 1:9) connect to the gospel; what we are given in the promise and presence of Jesus? (See John 14:18, Matthew 28:20)

DAY 4

6. On the edge of moving people toward the land, you would think Joshua would need some organizational leadership manuals or step by step guide for how to lead the people to begin this process. However, what specific instruction does God give to Joshua in 1:8 before he begins the work? Record it below.
7. Why is this instruction in 1:8 significant as he is about to lead the people into the Promised land?
8. If Joshua needed the reminder to not let the "Book of the Law" depart from his mouth, to meditate on it day and night, how much more do we! Has your heart drifted from time in God's word? In what ways can grow in God's instruction to meditate on it throughout our day? ([*See bible study tips resource for ideas](#))
9. In one short phrase or sentence, write the main idea of Joshua 1:1-9 below:

DAY 5: APPLY

10. What was most significant to you as you studied this week's passage?
11. In what ways did this passage encourage you? Challenge you?

12. God's promise to fulfill his covenant of land, seed, and blessing for his people and his promise to be "with" them as they go, can bring great reassurance to believers that His power and presence are at work in our lives. Are there specific circumstances of fear you can bring to him? Are there areas you doubt his power? Record your thoughts and prayer below for ways to deeper rely on God's power and presence in your life.