



# LIFE GROUP GUIDE

WEEK 2: BACKSTORY • FROM EGYPT TO THE JORDAN • HOMEWORK 1/23-1/28 • SERMON 1/26, 1/29

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## DAY 1: DWELL

### 1. Read Exodus 12-13.

Record the significant events that took place in these chapters in a few sentences/bullet points below.

2. What part of the Abrahamic covenant is continuing to be fulfilled in these chapters (Exodus 12-13)? Why is it important to read these chapters before reading Joshua and entrance into the Promised land?

## DAY 2: MORE TO THE STORY . . .

3. Go back and read Deuteronomy 34. As you gain a deeper understanding of this transition in leadership and commissioning for Joshua, what connections do you see between Deuteronomy 34 and this first chapter in Joshua?

4. Why wasn't Moses allowed to enter into the Promised Land? See Numbers 20:2-13 and summarize below.

## DAY 3

5. Deuteronomy 34 connects us to God's previous, repeated promise of the land. He will establish his people in the land of Canaan. Read and summarize the following verses to trace the thread of God's promise to his people about the land below.

• Genesis 12:1-7

• Genesis 28:10-13

• Exodus 3:7-8

• Numbers 26:52-56

• Deuteronomy 1:6-8

6. What do all of the verses above teach about God's people inheriting the land?

## DAY 4

7. In what ways would remembering God's power and faithfulness to keep His covenant and promises in the past, increase Joshua and Israel's boldness and faith as they move forward toward the land?

### GOSPEL CONNECTION:

#### FROM ABRAHAMIC COVENANT TO NEW COVENANT

In the same way God was faithful to redeem his people out of slavery and bring them into the Promised Land, God has been faithful to redeem us, bringing us out of the land of slavery to sin and into the beautiful inheritance of His kingdom.

8. **Read Colossians 1:13-14 and 1 Peter 2:9-10.** What do these verses teach us (new covenant believers) about our redemption and promise of inheritance? And how does seeing the parallel in these verses increase your faith in God's power and promise?

## DAY 5: APPLY

9. What was most significant to you as you studied the backstory of Joshua?

10. In what ways did this week's study encourage you? Challenge you?

**PRAY.** Record a prayer below as you prepare to spend the next few months studying Joshua. What ways do you need to be reminded of God's faithfulness and power to fulfill His promises of redemption and blessing? What areas in your heart might be hardened with doubt, unbelief, disobedience, apathy? Use Psalm 139:23-24 as a guide to allow the Lord to search you and reveal to you the ways in which He may want to grow you in this next season of your life.

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

Why is it important for us to look back on God's promises and power in Genesis through Deuteronomy as we approach the book of Joshua? How does seeing where Joshua fits in the greater story of the bible (redemptive history) deepen our understanding of God's plan for all tribes, tongues, peoples, and nations as we see in Revelation 5:9-10?

### **FOR MORE RESOURCES:**

[Watch Joshua: Bible Project](#)

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