



Connect: LIFEgroup discussion guide

“Footsteps of Faith: Lessons in Faith” Sun 25th July 2021

WELCOME: with lockdown continuing, it is still a time for God’s people to engage prayerfully, even if we have to do that remotely. Take some time to pray for our community, for our Connect church family, for the leadership team to make wise decisions that honour God in our community.

This week we are taking steps back into the Old Testament searching out what it has to say about Faith. Remember that we view the Old Testament through the lens of what was achieved for us by Jesus, through his Death and Resurrection. What do you recall from Peter’s message?

- **How did Peter describe submission? What were your thoughts about that?**
- **What does it mean to you to live a life in which you speak wisely and live humbly?**
- **How does your faith make a difference in your everyday life?**

DISCUSSING THE MESSAGE:

1. LEARN from the Past

Read Joshua 2:1

- **How would you summarise the verse?**
- **Why would they stay in the house of a non-Jew who is a prostitute?**
- **Why do you think Joshua sent out spies secretly?**
- **Why do you think he only sent two spies?**

Read Num 13:25-33 & Num 14:6-9

- **How would you summarise the events of Joshua’s first time here?**
- **In what ways is the second attempt in the Book of Joshua different?**
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Apart from Joshua and Caleb no one else returned to enter the Promised Land, a whole generation missed out.

2. LEARN to see as God sees

Read Joshua 2:2-7

- **How would you summarise what’s happened?**
- **What do you think of God using a sinner who is not a Jew in this way?**
- **Why do you think Rahab sent the King’s men off on a wild goose chase?**
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Read Joshua 2:8-11

- **How would you summarise Rahab’s perspective on God?**
- **Have you ever seen and heard people who you wouldn’t consider to be Christians, expressing faith in God? What do you think in those times?**
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Read Joshua 2:12-14

- **How would you summarise this conversation?**
- **In what ways are there outcomes in life when people are obedient to God?**

Read Joshua 2:16 and 22

- What do we see though these two verses?
- How do you think Rahab could have predicted what was going to occur?

Read Prov 3:5-6; Prov 16:3; Ps 37:4; Est 4:14; Rom 8:28; Eph 2:8-10; 2 Pet 3:9

- What key points do we learn from these verses?
- What plans do you believe God has for us today?

3. LEARN to act on God's Word

Read Joshua 2:17-21

- We don't have time to explore the details, but what do you think is the significance of the Scarlet Rope as a means of the redemption of God's people – both Jews & Gentiles?

Read Joshua 2:23-24

- Remembering Joshua's prior experience, how would you summarise the verses?
- How do you think this applies to what God is saying to the church today?
- In what ways does this resonate with what we have been learning from the book of James?

Our response:

Take a few moments to consider how you can act on these 3 lessons:

- 1. LEARN from the Past**
- 2. LEARN to see as God sees**
- 3. LEARN to act on God's Word**

This week's message continued to explore taking action as a result of our faith, how can you take action this week – even in lockdown – to engage in our world as God's appointed person?

Please pray for people in our church family who are finding it difficult – commit to call, text, send a message of encouragement and hope.

Pray for Melissa and her family and if God puts it on your heart to give financially, you can deposit funds in the church account, with the reference "Family in need," to forward to them.

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If you do make a donation, could you also email treasurer@connectchurch.org.au so that Laurie knows to direct the funds.

Pray together:

Pray that we, as the family of Connect Church, would make the effort to strengthen each other to represent the Church of Jesus well in our world.