

020318 Growth Group Study



1. Details around most recent sermon:

- a. **Date:** 02/17/18
- b. **Series:** Joshua
- c. **Title:** “Faithful Followers”
- d. **Preacher:** Ryan Hynn
- e. **Sermon Text:** Joshua 22
- f. **Scripture Reading:** Mark 12:28-31 (ESV)

²⁸ And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?”²⁹ Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

2. Discussion Questions:

a. Preparation

1. As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you most?
2. What is the one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
3. What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?

b. Sermon Questions

Ryan covered Joshua 22 as an account of the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh returning to their land east of the Jordan River. They built an altar on the wrong side of the Jordan, causing indignation among the other tribes of Israel.

1. Ryan described this as a story of parting ways. In it, why should Israel continue to obey all of God’s commandments (22:5)?
2. What was the purpose of the alter that was built by the eastern tribes?
 - a. Do you have any alters or memorials you have built to the Lord?
3. What can we learn from this passage about dealing with confrontation in a God-honoring manner?
 - a. When have you been able to handle confrontation in a God-honoring manner?
4. Ryan stated that *“the more we learn to listen to others, the more we reflect the love of the Lord”*. Share a story with the group when you have been able to “listen”.

c. For Further Reflection

1. From this week’s sermon (Joshua 22), what did you learn about God, and what did you learn about yourself?
2. Why are so many people turned off to Jesus today?
3. What would you like to see God do in your life this week?