

022418 Growth Group Study



1. Details around most recent sermon:

- a. **Date:** 02/24/18
- b. **Series:** Joshua
- c. **Title:** "Cling to the King"
- d. **Preacher:** Ryan Hynn
- e. **Sermon Text:** Joshua 23
- f. **Scripture Reading:** Joshua 1:5-9 (ESV)

·No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. ·Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. ·Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. ·This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ·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."

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 23 as an account of Joshua's final words to the Israelites before his death.

1. The theme of this sermon was restlessness, which was underscored by the song "Restless" ("I'm restless till I rest in you").
 - a. When/where are you feeling restlessness in your life?
 - b. To whom (or what) are you clinging?
 - c. When have you been able to rest in God?
 - d. How can the group pray for you in this area?
2. Joshua challenged the Israelites to trust in the Lord to deliver them to the Promised Land:
23:11 – *Be very careful, therefore, to love the Lord your God.*
 - a. How can this apply to your life today – how are you trying to follow God's promises?
3. Share a story with the group when you have been able to cling to Jesus for rest.

c. For Further Reflection

1. From this week's sermon (Joshua 23), what did you learn about God, and what did you learn about yourself?
2. Why are so many people clinging to idols today rather than clinging to Jesus?
3. What would you like to see God do in your life this week?