

## 030319 Growth Group Study



### 1. Details around most recent sermon:

- a. **Date:** 03/03/19
- b. **Series:** Joshua
- c. **Title:** “The Choice is Yours”
- d. **Preacher:** Bob Perche
- e. **Sermon Text:** Joshua 24
- f. **Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 2:1-9; Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)

*And you were dead in the trespasses and sins<sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—<sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body<sup>[a]</sup> and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.<sup>[b]</sup><sup>4</sup> But<sup>[c]</sup> God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,<sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,<sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,<sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers,[a] by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.[b] 2 Do not be conformed to this world,[c] but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

### 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

Bob covered Joshua 24 as a recording of Joshua’s final reminders and warnings to the nation of Israel.

1. The theme of this sermon was about making choices, which was underscored by the song “Gotta Serve Somebody” (by Bob Dylan).
  - a. What choices are you making in your life today?
  - b. Who do your choices reveal you are serving?
  - c. What did God reveal about the choices Israel was making?
2. Bob mentioned a list we might be serving in lieu of God (money, kids, car, job, home, knowledge, appearance, health, fitness, technology, art ... it was a long list! ).
  - a. What gods do you need to confront in your life and how can we pray for you in that area?  
- *Joshua 24:15: But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*

#### c. For Further Reflection

1. From this week’s sermon (Joshua 24), what did you learn about God, and what did you learn about yourself?
2. Is love for God your highest motivation?
3. When you face potential conflicts, what guides your actions?