# **WORSHIP**

### Uncharted

Be Strong and Courageous | Joshua 1:1-18

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As Christians, what is our "promised land"?

Be strong and courageous....

- 1. ...because God knows our weaknesses.
- 2. ...because God's Word shows us the right path.
- 3. ...because obedience brings blessing.
- 4. ...because obedience isn't complicated.

Be strong and courageous to follow Jesus to victory.

**NEXT WEEK:** Uncharted: Joshua 2













### **SMALL GROUP GUIDE**

#### 1. WELCOME

If anyone has had a significant event in their life this past week, give them a minute to share with the group. If necessary, take some time to pray for any immediate needs right at the beginning of the meeting.

#### 2. VISION/PURPOSE

One of our key ingredients of small group is a relational environment, which involves transparency, confidentiality, and accountability. How can we do a better job keeping each other accountable.

#### 3. SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

Review guidelines (Use "I" Statements, No Fixing, Confidentiality, Listening) that cultivate a healthy environment for sharing and discussion.

#### **4. OPENING PRAYER**

#### 5. READ SCRIPTURE PASSAGE/TELL BIBLE STORY PASSAGE

#### 6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use a good mix of Head (informational/study) questions, Heart (personal reflection) questions, and Hand (practical application) questions. Below are questions your group can pick from to follow along with the sermon series.

#### 7. PERSONAL SHARING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

You can share and pray in one group, in smaller groups, or in gender specific groups. Make sure that phone numbers are shared so that encouragement and connection can happen during the week.

## **QUESTIONS**

**WARM UP:** What is your favorite bible verse, if you have one? [Joshua 1:9 is one of the most popular Bible verses. But today we will learn more of the context.]

**HEAD:** These questions help us examine the Word.

- 1. Ask a group member to give a little background to the book of Joshua.
- 2. Read Joshua 1:1–18. What stands out to you from the sermon or from your own study?
- 3. As Christians, what is our "promised land"?
- 4. What does it mean to "meditate on [God's Word] day and night"?

**HEART:** These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

- 5. Joshua is told to be strong and courageous to obey God's commands. Pastor Peter observed that: "for many of us, the commands that are clear in the Bible are the ones we struggle with the most". Is this true for you? Why do you think this is?
- 6. As you look back at your life, how have you seen the blessings of obedience to God?

HAND: These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into our everyday life.

7. Is there a specific area of obedience that God is calling you to right now?