


Discussion Guide


Series: *To Be Continued... , wk1 Strong & Courageous*

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 Big Idea
Being strong & courageous requires keeping God's Word close by, saying it AND obeying it!

 Icebreaker


Do you like comic books or superhero movies? If so, who is your favorite character & why?

 Discussion Questions

1. Together as a group share the timeframe the Book of Joshua covers along with some of the backstory of God's people and Joshua specifically. This will ground us all in the context of what we are about to study together in this series. What major transition is about to happen for the people of Israel? What "season" are the Israelites about to enter?
2. Read Joshua 1:1-9. What phrase do we see repeated several times by God? Is this a suggestion or a command? Why is the answer to this last question important? What did it mean for them? What does it mean for us?
3. What can be the result of us not obeying God's command to be strong & courageous? What are some things that cause followers of God to settle for being less than strong & courageous? What specifically causes *you* to sometimes not be strong & courageous?
4. We learned in the sermon that the original Hebrew word used for *strong* in this passage is "hazaq". What does "hazaq" mean? Reread Joshua 1:8. From this passage what is God commanding us to "hazaq"? What does it practically look like to "hazaq" to what God is telling us to?
5. Why may it be hard sometimes to be strong & courageous in this way? What are some obstacles we should expect to face as we are strong & courageous in this way? Will there be villains we will encounter as we are strong & courageous in this and what/who may they be? How can you most effectively combat all three of these?
6. What are some ways in which we may inaccurately think being strong & courageous means, or looks like, or includes?

 Concluding Question

God may not be asking you (like he was Joshua) to lead an entire nation in a strong & courageous way into a new land but He is asking you to be strong & courageous right now in some way. What is that way for you and what will you do about it?

 Prayer

Pray that the entire church will more passionately and actively pursue holding strong to God's Word by "saying it" and "obeying it". Perhaps pray that many will do so by engaging in this sermon series daily reading plan.