

Discussion Guide

Series: *To Be Continued...*, wk4 *Wholeheartedly*

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Big Idea

God wants us to follow Him wholeheartedly in every season of our lives.



Icebreaker

Who is someone that you have been to the “mountains” (high points) & “valleys” (low points) of life with and how has that impacted your bond with one another?



Discussion Questions

1. Recap some “mountain” and “valley” experiences that Joshua and Caleb had together throughout their lives.
2. Read Numbers 13:1-2a, 26-30 and Numbers 14:5-9. When, in the timeline of the Israelite people, did this take place? How does that compare to the timeline we find ourselves in here (in the Book of Joshua)? What was the result of Caleb and Joshua’s trust in the Lord (if you need help read Numbers 14:26-30).
3. Read Joshua 14:6-14. What word is repeatedly seen in this reading to describe Calen? As you think back on Caleb’s life, what are some things he faced that could have deterred him from following God in this way? What do you think worked, or was a catalyst, in Caleb’s life allowing him to remain so committed to, and trusting of, the Lord? What things have been, or are, working in & around your life to deter you from following the Lord wholeheartedly? How are you combatting these things to remain wholehearted in you following of God?
4. Thinking back to the sermon and the different thoughts of what *following God wholeheartedly* could look like at various stages of life, were there any that particularly resonated with you and why? What advice may you give someone in a stage of life you have gone through that you feel would help them to *follow God wholeheartedly*?
5. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow said this at his 50th college class reunion (as he & his listeners were elderly): *“What then? Shall we sit idly down and say the night hath come; it’s no longer day? The night hath not yet come; we are not quite cut off from labor by failing light; something remains for us to do or dare; even the oldest tree some fruit may bear. For age is opportunity no less than youth itself, though in another dress, and as the evening twilight fades away the sky is filled with stars, invisible by day.”*
 - What makes this statement relatable to the sermon today?
 - What made it relatable to Longfellow’s listeners?
 - What part of his words jump out at you the most and how do they make you feel?
6. How can you serve God wholeheartedly in this season of your life? What is stopping you? How can you address what is stopping you?



Concluding Question

Read Colossians 3:23-24. What situation; opportunity; task is lying right in front of you where you could apply this passage & the concept of serving and following the Lord wholeheartedly? How will you do so?



Prayer

Eight Days of Hope: Buffalo is underway! Pray for good work in the Name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, to be accomplished in the city. Pray that Christ’s light will shine and recognized through this work of His people!