



Calvary Oro Valley

Wed. Night Discipleship Group Study

Wednesday, September 9th, 2026

Joshua Study #1

Joshua 1:1-18

1. Background

- a. Who was Joshua, and what role did he have under Moses? (Num. 13:16; Deut. 31:1-8)
- b. How does Joshua continue the story and promises given in Exodus and Deuteronomy?

2. Verses 1-5

- a. What major transition is taking place in these verses?
- b. What does God promise Joshua concerning the land and His presence?
- c. Why would these promises have been important for Joshua?

3. Verses 6-9

- a. Why does God repeatedly tell Joshua to “be strong and of good courage”?
- b. What role does God’s Word play in Joshua’s success?
- c. What does this teach us about courage, obedience, and trusting God?

4. Verses 10-18

- a. What instructions does Joshua immediately give to the people?
- b. What responsibility did the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half of Manasseh have toward the rest of Israel?
- c. How do the people respond to Joshua’s leadership?

Helpful Bible Study Resources:

- **Pastor David Guzik** – Visit www.enduringword.com and click on “Commentary” at the top of the page for verse-by-verse insights.
- **Blue Letter Bible** – Go to www.blueletterbible.org to read or listen to various commentaries (like Chuck Smith and J. Vernon McGee), explore multiple Bible translations, and use Strong’s Concordance for original Hebrew and Greek word meanings.
- **Pastor Jon Courson** – Access his teachings at www.joncourson.com. On the left-hand side, click “Topical and Expository Teachings Sorted by Bible Book” to find his verse-by-verse commentary.
- **Bible Hub** – Visit www.biblehub.com to explore classic commentaries from well-known Bible teachers. Just enter your scripture passage in the search bar at the top.
- **Crosswalk** – Another valuable site for Bible study and commentaries: www.crosswalk.com.

How to Study God’s Word Effectively:

Remember the simple yet powerful approach we’ve learned:

1. Soak in the Passage
 - Read the passage multiple times. Each time, pray and ask God to speak to you—inviting His Spirit to give you insight, clarity, and understanding.
2. Follow the O.I.A. Method:
 - Observation – Write down everything you notice in the text, even the simplest details. Don’t overlook the obvious—just note what you see.
 - Interpretation – What do those observations mean? Seek to understand the message and context of what you’ve written down.
 - Application – Based on what you’ve read and understood, how does this truth apply to your life? What is God calling you to believe, change, or do?