

GROUPS

sermon guide

JOSHUA: 7/12/2026 - Pastor Mike Wilson

MAIN IDEA

HOW TO SURVIVE THE SETTLING

TALK ABOUT IT

Ice Breaker: When you finish a challenging season, what is usually harder for you—fighting through the challenge or learning how to settle into a healthier, more peaceful season? Why?

1. "The battle is a season, not your identity." Why do you think it's so easy to let our struggles become part of how we define ourselves?
2. How can God's promises reshape the way we see ourselves after a difficult season?
3. Why do you think God included so much detail about Judah's inheritance? What does that reveal about His character?
4. What can we learn from Caleb about courage and faith, especially when God calls us to something difficult?
5. Is there an area of your life where you sense God inviting you to take a bold step of faith rather than settling for what's comfortable?
6. What stands out to you about the way Achsah approached her father?
7. How would your prayers change if you focused less on comfort and more on becoming fruitful for God's kingdom?
8. Why do you think compromise often seems reasonable or harmless in the moment?
9. What are some subtle compromises believers face today that can slowly affect their relationship with God?
10. Partial obedience is still disobedience. Why is finishing what God has called us to do sometimes harder than starting well?

KEY SCRIPTURES

JOSHUA 15 (READ THE WHOLE CHAPTER)

TALK ABOUT IT (CONT.)

Joshua 15 begins with God's faithfulness and ends with a warning about compromise.

11. What do you think this chapter teaches us about the relationship between God's faithfulness and our responsibility to obey Him?

The sermon gave us three ways to survive the settling season:

- Remember God's promises.
- Boldly claim your inheritance.
- Resist the urge to compromise.

12. Which of these speaks most directly to where you are today, and what is one practical step you can take this week to respond?

NEXT STEPS

- **ENCOUNTER:**
 - **Sage Hills Social - Christmas in July - July 26 @ 6pm**
- **EXPERIENCE:**
 - **PRAY for Fall Small Group leader recruitment**
- **EXPAND**
 - PRAY for the Royal Family Kids camp and for those that will be heading out to Tijuana Mexico.

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