

INHERITANCE SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016

KEY SCRIPTURE | Joshua 13:1–7

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Joshua had led the Israelites to and through so much, but God tells him there is more to possess. They had many experiences together—slavery in Egypt, wandering the desert, reaching the Promised Land. Each place had its challenges and victories, but looking at just one of those places on their timeline could not be the basis for understanding their inheritance.

Like Joshua, it can be difficult for us to understand the importance of pressing through to the "next level" when we don't see immediate results. If where we are fits our definition of abundance, why push through? That's why God defines our inheritance. His plan for us is so much bigger and better than we can see from our current position.

It can be easy to base our understanding of our inheritance on past and current experiences, but it's so much bigger than that. Even after encountering the miraculous hand of God many times, Israel was willing to stop pressing into their inheritance. Don't do that—don't settle for less than God's best!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What stood out to you from Sunday's message?
- 2. What do you understand about your inheritance as a believer? What do you have to do to receive it?
- 3. Read Genesis 12:1–3 and 15:4–5. What actions did Abram take upon hearing from God in these verses? Why is it important?
- 4. What are some reasons we don't move forward into our inheritance? What causes the need/desire to "settle" too early?
- 5. What are some of the benefits of being a Christian that can be experienced now and not just in heaven? Read 2 Corinthians 5:17, 2 Peter 1:3, Romans 8:38–39, Jude 1:24–25, and 1John 3:1.
- 6. How do you think of your daily life differently in light of Sunday's message and the concept that our inheritance is not just eternal but also daily? How will you step into your inheritance as a result?

IN ACTION

Identify an area in your life where you may have settled for less than God's best. Ask God for the strength to move forward and take possession of the inheritance He intends for you.

