

# Small Group Guide

*Reference: Joshua 23:1-14*

## INTRODUCTION

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This week we will be taking a break from our generosity series to learn from the life of Joshua. This week we will be discussing our need to be faithful to the God who fights for us and knows what's best for us.

## ICE BREAKER

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What would you want your last words to be?

## QUESTIONS

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- 1.) What do you think it means to be faithful?
- 2.) Dustin reminded us that we are to be faithful to God because of what He has done for us. Read Joshua 23:3-5, Joshua tells the nation of Israel some of the things God had done for them. What are some ways that you have seen God move in your life?
- 3.) Dustin mentioned the Jewish practice of the Mezuzah. Jewish people would write parts of the law and place it next to their doorway so they would remember what God had told them. If you were to make one for your household what would you want to be reminded of on a daily basis?
- 4.) We were reminded that for us as believers the way that we are faithful is to surrender and submit to the Spirit. How do you practically attempt to do this in your daily life?
- 5.) Dustin also reminded us to be faithful to God because He knows what's best for us. Read Joshua 23:11-14, Joshua tells the people to be faithful because if they don't they will suffer consequences and lose the promised land. Why do you think we are tempted to rebel even when we are aware of the consequences?
- 6.) We also were shown how consequences from God are grace not cruelty. Do you at times struggle with a view of God that is cruel? Why?
- 7.) The timing of this message was also vital. Israel was about to move into a time of prosperity. Pain will often reveal what prosperity masks. Why do you think we are tempted at times to only live out our faith in hard times?