

# The Power of God's Promises

## “The God Who Will Never Leave Us”

### INTRODUCTION

When you face obstacles, danger, disappointments, or abandonment, do you ever doubt that God is with you. Have you ever asked "Where is God now when I need Him most?" In this study, we will look at Joshua when he was called to lead the nation Israel into the Promised Land. Israel had been wandering in the desert for 40 years as the consequence of not trusting God to help them take the land. Where was God then and where is He now when we need him?

**Ice Breaker Question - Optional (8 min):** Describe a time when you really wanted to know if God was with you.

### STUDY QUESTIONS (45 MIN)

#### I. Lessons from Joshua

**Read Genesis 12:2-3; 15:1-5; Exodus 19:5**

Q1. How would you describe the promise that God made to Abraham?

**Read Joshua 1:1-9**

Q2. Answer the following from this passage:

- What new role (position) did Joshua have? v.6 \_\_\_\_\_
- What task did God give Joshua? v.6 \_\_\_\_\_
- Where did God say He would be? v.5 \_\_\_\_\_
- What did Joshua have to do to find success? v.8 \_\_\_\_\_

**Read Galatians 3:26-29 and Revelation 21:1-7**

Q3. Just as Joshua led the nation promised to Abraham into the land promised to Abraham, so God intends for us who belong to Christ, to inherit the promise (v. 29). Do you think it possible that Abraham and we who belong to Christ can yet enter the land promised?

#### II. Living The Promise

**1. Never Doubt God's Loving Presence**

**Read Psalm 139:7-10**

Q4. If this is God's word to us, why do we sometimes feel so alone in our Christian walk? What difference does it make in your life when you sense God's presence?

Q5. What has helped you to stay in constant recognition of God's presence?

**2. Never Question God's Redemptive Power**

**Read Numbers 14:6-20; 1 John 1:9; Rom 8:32-34**

Q6. When Moses tried to lead the people into the Promised Land, their fear led to rebellion against God. Moses interceded for the people, likewise, Christ is now interceding for us. What do you think it takes for God to forgive you of your sins?

**3. Never Fail to Trust God's Promises**

**Read Matthew 6:33; 2 Peter 1:4; Hebrews 13:5**

Q7. Where in our culture and where in your life do you think its most difficult to trust in God rather than in what the world promises?

### WRAP-UP

Until we are united with Him in heaven, we will struggle against our flesh and the evil powers of this world that want to deny God's presence. But God's redemptive power is always at work and available to us, that we would find Him present with us at all times. And no matter our circumstances, He is in constant relationship with us, for He promises to never leave us or forsake us!

**Memory Verse: Joshua 1:5b (NIV)** *"So I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

### PRAYER (20 MIN)

Ask your group to pray for you regarding one area where you can apply this study in your life: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pray for your group members needs (use other side also):

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**Challenge:** Read Numbers 14:9-11, and 2 Chronicles 7:14. What warnings do you think God would give us as a faith community and as a nation? Take a moment to pray for our nation.