



11am Bible Study: Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, MTS

Topic: Faithfully Serving God Draws Souls To Christ

Series: Live On Mission

Chapters: Joshua 2 & 6 **Sep. 25th, 2024**

Central Text: Joshua 2:9,11, NKJV, 9 and said to the men: “I know that the Lord has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you. 11 And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath. **Joshua 6:22** “22 But Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country, “Go into the harlot’s house, and from there bring out the woman and all that she has, as you swore to her.”

Lesson Summary

God’s mission for mankind, Jew and gentile alike, is evident through His **centripetal** (moving toward a center) **draw** of Rahab by His delivering and fighting for Israel, and her confession of faith in God, which was proven by her actions to save Israel’s spies. The LORD still **centripetally draws** people to himself through Christian’s examples of the **Holy Spirit’s empowerment** for victory over Satan, sinful nature, and society, along with the ability to produce fruit of the Spirit. The children of Israel’s benefit of God’s impact in their lives had a **missional impact** on gentile nations throughout the ancient Near East.

Lesson Outcome

Hearers will **be examples of God’s love and empowerment**, proving their awareness that God uses faithful living to draw non-believers to Himself centripetally. Believers will examine their obedience to God’s charge to be a **“kingdom of priests and a holy nation”** (Exodus 19:6) and to present their bodies as **“a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God”** (Romans 12:1). Ultimately, hearers will be taught how faithfully serving God draws souls to Christ.

How does faithfully serving God draw souls to Christ?

1.Pursue God’s Promise – Joshua 2:9

- People take notice of remarkable trust in God while pursuing His purpose

Question for Dialogue: If we’re afraid to pursue God’s promise and purpose for our lives we’ll be ineffective in drawing souls to Christ, because our lifestyles won’t be influential. **What are some practices we can begin that will help us to pursue God’s promise and purpose for our lives?**

2.Tell Our Testimony of How God Miraculously Delivered Us – Joshua 2:10a

- Humbling and converting prideful human souls controlled by sin is a miracle because only God can do it.

Question for Dialogue: Do you remember when God miraculously delivered you? Do you remember when you finally surrendered your life 100% to Jesus? Wasn’t it a miracle when it happened? **What are some things that can encourage disciples to become more active with sharing their testimony of how God miraculously saved and delivered them?**

3. Share How We Overcame Obstacles In Pursuit of God’s Promise – Joshua 2:10b

Question for Dialogue: Think about a current obstacle you’re facing. Recognize that God knew you would face it and accept that He will be with you as you go through it. **What are three practical steps you can take to honor God as you go through this obstacle? Secondly, do you have a past example of an obstacle that you failed to honor God with how you handled it? If so, make sure not to repeat the same mistakes in your current obstacle.**

4. Expect Conversions to Our Faith – Joshua 2:11b

Question for Dialogue: There are people in your realm of influence who God desires to use you to disciple. Disciple-making is helping people know and follow Jesus and teaching them to obey His commands. *Write the names of three people that you can begin discipling.* **What tools does a disciple need to begin discipling others?**

5. Deal Kindly and Truly with New Believers - Joshua 2:14, Joshua 6:22-25

Question for Dialogue: New disciples are babes in Christ. Do you remember when you were a babe in Christ? Do you remember the times you gave in to temptation; when you fell because you were spiritually weak? Do you remember how you began to grow and slowly overcome one struggle after another? **How should we respond and what should we do when new and young disciples give in to sin?**

Lesson Application

Hearers will model God’s transformative power in their lives during evangelistic encounters. Lesson participants will become more effective in missional ministry endeavors by understanding *how God centripetally draws non-believers to Himself through His victorious work in believers’ lives.*