

LIFE GROUP

Notes

Session 1



READING: Joshua 1:1-9

IN *Introduction*

This term we are looking at how God leads us from the place we are now and into the land of God's promises. Whenever we take a big step for God either as individuals or as a church - it stretches our faith and is never plain sailing!

QUESTION: Have you ever stepped into something new that was a real stretch? What was it, and how did you feel?

UP *Explore*

Have a look through the book of Exodus or Google it! What can we find out about Moses? Who was he? How had God used him? What were his strengths? What were his weaknesses? Similarly - what do you know about who Joshua is, what had he lived through? How had he be used by God?

Look at *verses 1-2*

- What do you think Joshua was experiencing? Thoughts? Emotions? Feelings?

Look at *verses 3-9*

- How does God encourage Joshua?
- What are the promises that God makes?
- What is significant about each of these promises?
- What are the 'conditions' attached to these promises?

REFLECT:

At the beginning of this book and this huge step that God's people are making what are the parallels with you own life, and the life of the church?

What challenges or encourages you about this passage?

How does it speak to you about where we are at as a church?

OUT *Impact*

As we look forward to this new exciting and challenging season in the life of our church, spend some time in prayer for those who are in leadership.

Take time to pray for one another - what are your own needs and challenges you are facing at the moment.

Pray for issues in the world today that are speaking to you as a group.