

Life Group Homework

For the week of September 15, 2019

One Main Point: We are meant to Lead through **legacy**.

A place and time when the legacy begins.

- Joshua 24:15 (NLT) *“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”*
- 1 Corinthians 13:11 (NLT) *“When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”*

Passionate!

Joshua seized **opportunities**.

Challenge:

- What’s my legacy in Christ?
- What opportunities can I still seize?
- I will _____.

MY STORY

1. What person in your life has had the most profound influence on your life?
2. What was your takeaway from last week’s study?

QUICK REVIEW

3. Upon reviewing your notes from Sunday’s teaching, what caught your attention?

DIGGING DEEPER

4. What is a Legacy?
5. Can a legacy be negative? If so, what does that look like?

Judges 2:6-15 (NLT)

⁶After Joshua sent the people away, each of the tribes left to take possession of the land allotted to them. ⁷And the Israelites served the Lord throughout the lifetime of Joshua and the leaders who outlived him—those who had seen all the great things the Lord had done for Israel.

⁸Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of 110. ⁹They buried him in the land he had been allocated, at Timnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.

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¹¹The Israelites did evil in the Lord’s sight and served the images of Baal. ¹²They abandoned the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They went after other gods, worshiping the gods of the people around them. And they angered the Lord.

¹³They abandoned the Lord to serve Baal and the images of Ashtoreth. ¹⁴This made the Lord burn with anger against Israel, so he handed them over to raiders who stole their possessions. He turned them over to their enemies all around, and they were no longer able to resist them.

¹⁵Every time Israel went out to battle, the Lord fought against them, causing them to be defeated, just as he had warned. And the people were in great distress.

6. Verse 7 talks about the legacy that Joshua left. How is it described?
7. What about the people that Joshua directly influenced . . . what did they do?
8. What happened after Joshua and his leaders died?
9. How far can our legacy reach?

10. What did the following generation do?

11. What does the world think a legacy is?

TAKING IT HOME

Let's shift and unpack how Joshua was able to leave a legacy.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (ESV)

4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

12. What were some of the things Joshua was commanded to do from this passage?
13. When you think about your legacy, who do you want to be?
14. Many of us are in very different places regarding season of life. This means that we have different opportunities to impact others around us. What is one thing that only you can do to leave a legacy for those in your circle of influence?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS

15. What can you do this week to leave a positive legacy of faith?
16. Who does God want you to be and how will you respond to His heart for you?
17. What practical steps can you take this week to grow deeper in your relationship with Him?
18. Who can you pass your legacy of faith on to? This doesn't have to be only to children, it can be friends or acquaintances too.

Gideon Series - "Against the Odds"

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Topic: Legacy

Thread: It's God who leads me to Peace.

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LEGACY CHEST

Legacy is **WHAT** I hand over to the next in line behind me.

- *It could be a treasure* accumulated over time.
- *It could be events, big and small that speak of God's influence* and faithfulness, **power, presence**, mercy and His life-giving grace in my life.

Some legacies are worth more than others.

God intends for you to pass-on your legacy over time, not all at once.

Deuteronomy 6:4–12 (NLT)

"Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. 5 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. 6 And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. 7 Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. 8 Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. 9 Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

10 "The Lord your God will soon bring you into the land he swore to give you when he made a vow to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob...When you have eaten your fill in this land, 12 be careful not to forget the Lord, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt."