

life groups

NorthStar Church

March Madness Part 4

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Joshua 14-24

Main Idea

We can look at the life of Joshua to see what it means to live by FAITH. In his life we see the example of a true champion for God. We see that part of a life lived for God is the legacy we leave.

Introduction

What does it mean to you to be a champion?

How well do we celebrate the victories of others? Are we happy for them?

How do you feel about the “participation trophy” effect?

Let’s look into the Word of God to see how we can go out a champion.

Understanding

Scott gave us 6 Biblical keys to be a champion.

(leaders: have someone read Joshua 14:6-14) Key #1 = Never quit! There was a 45 year wait after God’s promise. What prayer are you still praying that you will never quit?

(leaders: have someone read Joshua 23:1-3) Key #2 = Always give God the glory! Verse 3 reminds us that it was God that fought for them. What has happened in your life lately for which you need to give God the glory? What have you done lately that you claimed the glory and left God out?

(leaders: have someone read Joshua 23:6-8) Key #3 = Stick to the game plan! Sometimes the pressure of daily life, anxiety, fear, and pride can lead us away from the game plan. Sometimes it’s just plain weariness.

Discouragement is also the biggest tool on the devil’s workbench. When life gets in the way we must be reminded of the game plan. How can you do this when the plan starts to fall apart?

(leaders: have someone read Joshua 24:14-16) Key #4 = Lead by example! The people you lead will never do what you are not willing to do, and they will only be as faithful and committed as you are. Is there an area of your life where you struggle with leading by example? Is there an area of your life where you have succeeded with leading by example?

(leaders: have someone read Joshua 24:25-27) Key #5 = Provide consistent accountability to those you lead! Scott told us that nothing of great significance ever gets done that is not written down, expected, and inspected. If there is no follow up there will never be any follow through! What is one area as a leader, parent, etc where you struggle with consistency? Is there an area where you have succeeded that you could share with us?

(leaders: have someone read Joshua 24:31) Key #6 = Celebrate the legacy of Kingdom winners God surrounds you with! The elders honored Joshua's leadership style after he was gone. This was his legacy. How are you celebrating the legacy that people left for you, either parents or other leaders? How do you celebrate what the people around you do best?

Application

Let's make a game plan for this week:

How will you finish strong?

How will you go out a champion for God?

How will you build a lasting legacy for God's Kingdom?

How can you take these 6 Biblical keys and apply them to your life today?

Pray

Pray for your life to be filled fresh with the Spirit of God to guide you in living for HIM. Pray specifically for 2-3 names that you have a spiritual influence with. (who do you have spiritual conversations with?) If there are no names that come to mind then ask God through prayer to bring 2-3 people into your life that you can be a godly "champion" in their life.