



Before the Main Event

(Discussion Study Guide)

Main Idea

God prepared Joshua in various aspects of his life so he would be ready for whatever is next.

Connect

Tell of an experience you had in your childhood that prepared you for adulthood

Discuss

1. What insight, observation, or principle from this sermon did you find to be most helpful, insightful, or troubling? Explain...

2. From being a slave in Egypt; Joshua learned humility from the unfair parts of that season in his life (Ex. 17:9).

- How would you define “fair”?
 - Leaders note: In many people’s minds, fairness is everyone receiving exactly what he or she deserves. God is “fair” in that He is unbiased, honest, and just.
- Read John 3:16-17; Micah 6:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - What do these passages tell of us God’s “fairness” and being humble towards it?
- How have you learned humility during an unfair season in your life?
 - What was the situation? The outcome?

3. As Joshua became a soldier he learned obedience and not to fear when up against opposition such as battling with the Amalekites (Ex. 17:10-16).

- What opposition(s) in your life cause you to fear and not trust God? Why is this?
- Psalm 119:30; Isaiah 41:10; John 14:15; 2 Timothy 1:7
- How can you begin to trust God and not fear of what you see or feel?

4. During his course of life, Joshua was an aide to Moses and served him in any capacity. We see Joshua's faithfulness displayed in the everyday routine of life (Ex. 33:11).

- Proverbs 3:3-4; Luke 16:10
- What little "routine" thing has God given you to be faithful to but have neglected it or have not seem the importance of it?
- Give an example of how you can display faithfulness in your daily routine of life

5. Later, Joshua became a spy to survey the land of Canaan that God promised His people to have. But when Joshua came back to give the report of what he saw in the land, things got complicated amongst the leaders of the tribes and Joshua learned the value of wisdom (Num. 13-14).

- How would you define "wisdom"?
 - Leaders note: Wisdom offers an integrated way of looking at every aspect of life and teaches how to live according to God's will.
- Proverbs 1:7; 2:6; James 1:5-6
- What does "fear of the LORD" mean?
- When have you prayed for and received God's wisdom?
- Where are you needing wisdom in your life?

Live it Out

How can you this week live out one of the following (humility, obedience, faithfulness, wisdom) to be better prepared for what God has next for you?

- Ex. I will make a commitment to being faithful by Sunday service every week.