

Life Group Lesson

Hope-God Makes Sense out of Nonsense • Week of April 26

John Maxwell made a statement this past week, “Crisis prioritizes for us what we have not prioritized in the past.” With that said—

1. What have you discovered in these past six weeks that you once thought important that you now know you can live without?
2. What have you discovered these past six weeks that you *cannot* live without and have become an even higher priority for you?

Read Joshua 24:2-15. This is the story of an old man looking back at what God had done for the Hebrew people, while at the same time, casting vision for what would ultimately be important moving forward.

3. What do you think Joshua would say was important from the past? What do you think Joshua would say is important for the present and future?

Read Hebrews 11:23-29 and Exodus 4: 1-5

When Joshua tells the story, he mentions one of the key players in human history and in Scripture—the life and ministry of Moses. Moses has a past (see Exodus 2:11-15a). So do you. His was that of a prince turned murderer who fled to the desert and became a shepherd. It was his identity for forty years. So when God asked him on the mountain, “what is that in your hand?” God wasn’t talking about a stick, he was talking about Moses’ identity, his worth, his financial security, his livelihood and what he would pass on to his children.

4. If God asked you, “What is that in your hand” –How would you respond?

Now here comes the hard part. God asked Moses to lay his staff down, to surrender it before God not knowing what would come next – would the staff be destroyed, would God give him a better model? Moses obediently laid the staff down.

5. So what are you holding onto right now, that God is asking you to lay before His feet? Name it! (I’m asking facilitators and participants not to pass over this, for naming this could change your life, your destiny, and your walk with God. You can say pass for a moment, but come back to it with at least a general answer. Perhaps it is a relationship, money issues, a habit, a deep hurt, a major hang-up—you don’t have to be specific but it is vital that you give some general answer.)

Close by Reading **Jude, vv17-25.** May we be both edified and encouraged through these verses.

Hope

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Text: Joshua 24:2-15

PLAIN TRUTH for Online Worship:
God will help you _____ up where
you _____ off.

PLAIN TRUTH for Drive-In Worship:
God does the extraordinary through
ordinary people who have
_____.

One Year Bible Reading

Apr. 26: Judges 6:1-40, Luke 22:54-23:12, Psalm 95:1-96:13, Proverbs 14:5-6
Apr. 27: Judges 7:1-8:17, Luke 23:13-43, Psalm 97:1-98:9, Proverbs 14:7-8
Apr. 28: Judges 8:18-9:21, Luke 23:44-24:12, Psalm 99:1-9, Proverbs 14:9-10
Apr. 29: Judges 9:22-10:18, Luke 24:13-53, Psalm 100:1-5, Proverbs 14:11-12
Apr. 30: Judges 11:1-12:15, John 1:1-28, Psalm 101:1-8, Proverbs 14:13-14
May 1: Judges 13:1-14:20, John 1:29-51, Psalm 102:1-28, Proverbs 14:15-16
May 2: Judges 15:1-16:31, John 2:1-25, Psalm 103:1-22, Proverbs 14:17-19

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