

A Visitor's Guide to the Old Testament

A Quick Discussion Guide on the Book of Joshua

1. One of the main characters, early on in the book of Joshua, is Joshua's fellow spy, Caleb. Joshua and Caleb have the distinction of being the oldest people among the Israelites. Even so, Caleb is still the same bold man of faith that he was 38+ years earlier. What can we learn from Caleb about the value of those in our lives who are a bit more seasoned than we are?

2. Now that you've read the Book of Joshua, what did you like about the book?

What part(s) of the book didn't sit with you as well as others?

3. Write your memory passage below:

4. Some today would state that the Book of Joshua depicts the kind of "ethnic cleansing" that we, rightfully, so abhor when it happens in our day. How do you respond to those who would speak critically of the Bible in this respect?

5. Pretend that you have placed above a mantle in your home, the words "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord". More than make this passage a trite saying on the wall of your home, name specific ways in which this passage can be "lived":

6. What do the stories of Jericho and the Sun Standing Still... or the provisions for Cities of Refuge and Levite Cities scattered throughout Israel, say about who God is? What are ways in which God shows those same characteristics today?