

Small Group Bible Study Questions - Sunday 6th May 2018

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With this in mind, look at the following questions:-

- 1) What promises does God make to Joshua? (vs. 1- 9)
- 2) “I will never leave you nor forsake you”. What did these words mean to Joshua? What do these words mean to us in the middle of today’s challenges?
- 3) What commands does God give Joshua? (vs. 6 - 9). How is verse 8 a command and an encouragement to Joshua? To us? (See Psalm 1 verses 1-3)
- 4) Are God’s promise conditional? What was Joshua to do in order to be prosperous and successful? Does this apply to us as individuals and as a Church? (vs. 6 - 9)

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