

STRETCHING MY IMAGINATION STUDY GUIDE WEEK 2

Welcome and Open in Prayer

Introductions – Name, Favorite TV show, Ice cream

Key Elements to “50 Days of Faith”

1. Sunday Services – Sermons
2. Weekly Memory Verses
3. Daily Devotional Guide
4. Weekly Small Groups
5. “How My Faith Has Grown” Form

Review Sunday’s Message

Joshua

Joshua 1:1-11

What was said that helped you understand faith better from Sunday’s service?

What was important or spoke to you?

Review Why, When and How To Memorize Scripture:

WHY MEMORIZE?

“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” Psalm 119:11

WHEN TO MEMORIZE A VERSE

- * During your Quiet Time (talk about in a minute)
- * While Exercising (bike, walk, verses on cards)
- * While waiting (spare moments) (Stop lights in car)
- * At bedtime (Psalm 63:6) (on mirror in bathroom, refrigerator)

HOW TO MEMORIZE A VERSE

1. Pick a verse that speaks to you.
(I gave you a list of some you can memorize)
2. Say the reference **before and after** the verse.
(Where is address? Hardest thing)
3. Read the verse aloud many times. Record it!
(Memorize by saying aloud, ear helps)
4. Break the verse into natural phrases.
5. Emphasize key words when quoting the verse.
6. Write down the verse and erase a word one at a time.
7. Write out the verse on a flash card.
8. Carry some cards with you at all times for review.
9. Display your verses in prominent places.
10. Always memorize the verse word perfect.
11. Put the verse to music. Write a song!
12. Get a partner so you can check each other.

Memory Verses

Week 1

“Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to God must first believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6

Week 2

“God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power at work within us.”

Ephesians 3:20

Joshua Study

What do you know about Joshua?

The name Joshua means "Jehovah Saves".

The *NIV Study Bible* gives a good, brief description of Joshua. "Joshua's remarkable life was filled with excitement, variety, success, and honor. He was known for his deep trust in God and as 'a man in whom is the spirit' (Num 27:18). As a youth he lived through the bitter realities of slavery in Egypt, but he also witnessed the supernatural plagues and the miracle of Israel's escape from the army of the Egyptian as when the waters of the sea opened before them. In the Sinai peninsula it was Joshua who led the troops of Israel to victory over the Amalekites (Ex 17:8-13). He alone was allowed to accompany Moses up the holy mountain where the tablets of the law were received (Ex 24:13-14). And it was he who stood watch at the temporary tent of meeting Moses set up before the tabernacle was erected (Ex 33:11)."

READ Joshua 23

1. Everyone has different ideas of what is important. Identify what Joshua thought was important in his farewell speech. What point was he trying to make? What was his farewell message?

2. Make a list of what Joshua could say about his life. What would you like to be able to say about your life?

3. In Joshua 23:12-13, how will God deal differently with the Israelites if they make treaties with the Canaanites?

4. In Joshua 23:14-15, what does this tell us about relying on the promises of God?

5. What is the implication for us today when we do not serve God and God alone?

6. Joshua speaks often about covenants. What is a covenant and what covenants have you made in your own life? What have been the implication or affect on your life through your covenants?

Any other thoughts?

Close in prayer:

Open prayer, silence or aloud.