

Life group notes for 19th/20th September 2023 (Sam Evans)



'Discipled series' 1: Joshua and Moses

We're starting a new series to help us remember that we are all disciples. We will come across lessons from these characters to help us learn about discipleship.

Read Ex 17: 8-16 and 33: 7-11

Sam drew from Joshua to show us that (i) **true discipleship is not self-help, self-improvement, trying hard and going it alone.** It's not 'me focused' or legalistic.

Joshua had to be humble and learn from Moses. His pride could easily have gotten in the way.

But also, (ii) **True discipleship is not expecting someone else to tell me all the answers and it's not giving up responsibility for my walk with God.** It's not someone else focused, 'cheap grace'.

Joshua choose to imitate Moses and learn to walk with God himself.

Instead, (iii) **Real Christian discipleship happens when a person knows they've been wonderfully rescued by God, and responds wholeheartedly to this by placing their trust in God.** It is God focused, costly grace.

Discipleship happens when we remember our salvation.

Joshua was able to hold onto his rescue from Egypt and God's faithfulness. This meant he could see with eyes of faith and learn to follow God.

Questions to discuss (possibly in 2/3s before sharing back):

1. Are you willing to learn from Christians further on than you? Who are you learning from? What other ways could you be intentionally learning and growing? Do you need to repent of pride in this area?
2. Are you taking responsibility for your relationship with God or expecting others to do it all for you?
3. How can you regularly choose to remember your salvation and all that God has done for you?

Finish together by praying and thanking God for all he's done for you by saving you from slavery to sin, through Jesus.