

Our journey with Joshua - taking new ground

Last Sunday marked the end of our series on Joshua. The Elders would like to thank Wayne for overseeing this important series, and we'd also like to thank individually Jude, Peter and Wayne for faithfully preparing wonderful messages week after week.

The Elders would also like to express our appreciation to everyone who participated in last Sunday's 'Celebration of Joshua' service. 10 people shared some moving testimonies of how God has used this teaching series to touch their lives. Some of the snippets shared are reproduced below. The Elders were encouraged by all of these points but especially the third point! Enjoy.

1. Everyone can be found somewhere on a spiritual continuum
2. The battle is with God everyday
3. We can all be leaders
4. Our job is to allow God to purify us
5. Meditate day and night on God's words
6. Face your fears *with* God
7. Be encouraged by knowing the greatness of God
8. I am human, I am forgiven, I am loved
9. Be reminded of what God has done – memory stones
10. When we run ahead of the Lord, we usually rob ourselves and hurt others (see the story of Achan)
11. We soften doubt that we are worthy. With Jesus we are able to follow Joshua's lead to shine forth. But we can only do it in the Lord's strength with the Holy Spirit.
12. God has prompted us to remember the Pentecost story and ask ourselves the questions: What does it mean and what shall we do?
13. The series has opened eyes to the Covenant God has made with Israel and the ongoing battles over land in the Middle East
14. "It might not be what I'd choose but I've got to trust what you're doing"
15. We can only do it in the LORD's strength, *with* the Holy Spirit
16. Joshua's journey is one of faithfulness and trust. God reminded us that He is faithful in every circumstance and that He trusts us to work in partnership with him to bring about real Kingdom change

And the Elders message to everyone at BBC - Be strong and very courageous.

Paul - on behalf of the Elders