

COURAGE

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with a group.

BOLDNESS IS NEEDED TO POSSESS ALL GOD IS WILLING TO GIVE. THIS STUDY OF JOSHUA WILL CALL INDIVIDUALS AND CHURCHES TO THE KIND OF COURAGE THAT CROSSES RIVERS, FACES GIANTS, AND CLAIMS THEIR FULL INHERITANCE.

1 Looking back to last week's courage verse, *"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you"* Psalm 56:3. How did reflecting on this verse impact how you faced any challenges you had this past week?

2 We've all had some days we will never forget (good and bad). Take a moment to share some of those experiences. How was God involved in those days and what life lessons did you walk away with?

3 THE COURAGEOUS... witness the outrageous! This week's message focused on a day that Joshua would never forget (a day he asked God to do something that seemed to be outrageous). **Read Joshua 10:6-14.** What are 2-3 things that stand out to you from this passage? What amazed you the most, God's power or the fact that Joshua was bold enough to ask for something so outrageous? Why?

4 BECAUSE... they don't pray small. Prayer is a defiant act of resistance to the way things are. Through prayer we ask God to enter history on behalf of His people to accomplish His mission, and we don't ask small, for we know that our audacity can never exceed His capacity. How should this truth impact the way we pray (see **1 John 5:14**)?

5 With the last question in mind, talk about it on a personal level and then with our church family in mind: How big is the biggest prayer you have ever prayed and how did God respond? How does this relate to The Hills Church and our Courage Campaign?

6 BECAUSE... they don't stay still. Joshua didn't just present God with a wish list; he enlisted (that all night march was a 25 mile hike that ascended 4,000 feet). Joshua wasn't asking for outrageous intervention apart from courageous participation. Why are both essential and which one do you struggle with the most?

7 Our courage verse for this week is **1 John 5:14** *"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."* What is one thing you need to do today so that you can have the courage **to ask for more courage**?

PRAYER & FASTING

This week our leaders have asked us to take a day to pray and fast (November 8). Rick mentioned that *"through fasting we give up something good to create margin for something better—time with God."* So, let's spend time with God this week, and let's have the courage to ask for the "outrageous".

