



Small Group Notes

Text:
Joshua 5

Title:
Obedience to the promise

Joshua and the people of Israel finally cross into the promised land. The Canaanites are frightened and filled with terror. A great time to attack you might think? But God has other plans – the people must stop and

1. Recover their identity
2. Recover their story

Reflect

1. From either listening to the sermon and / or reading the text, what most impacts you from the passage? What did you feel the Holy Spirit most speaking to you about or impressing upon you?
2. What is your emotional response to the word 'obedience'? before the rest of the question? What is your response to the concept of being obedient to the commands of Jesus? How can we find liberty in our response to the call to obey?
3. What do you find your identity in? Do you have to recover your identity as a child of God? Is your identity based upon 'I am who I say I am' or 'I am who He says I am'?
4. What is our story as disciples of Jesus? (Past, present and future) Do you need to recover this story in your life? How? When?

Respond

1. How can you recognize when you lose your identity and story as God child?
2. What practice can you introduce to constantly recover your identity and story?
3. How can the group encourage and help you in this?

Optional further study

Look at Deuteronomy 10:12-13 – how is this parallel to John 15:16-17. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to find liberty and freedom in obeying Jesus commands and bearing much fruit.