



Jericho: Possessing the Promises of God

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Key Verses: Joshua 21:43-45, Hebrews 6:11-12, 2 Corinthians 1:20, Joshua 1:7-9

Talk Summary:

- Through this Joshua series, God has been speaking really clearly to us as a church. He has been inviting us to Repent, turn away from what we know is wrong and turn to him and to consecrate ourselves, to freshly commit to God, to serving him and living his way. With that comes a call to Courageous obedience, to listen to God's word and his spirits leading and do what he says no matter how surprising it might be. Finally, he has been reminding us of our Identity as the people of God, that we are people of his presences and his promises.
- Now, if I was to ask you, what do you do with the promises of God? What would you say?
- Some of you might say I underline them. Some of you might say I memories them. These are all brilliant things to do, but the promises of God are not just for knowing, they are for possessing.
- So, what does it look like to possess the promises of God?
- It takes Faith and Patience.
- So friends, let's be those who act with faith on the promises of God and enjoy the blessings he wants to give us.
- God's timing is perfect, in the weighting, lets lean into intimacy and obedience.
- What promises has God made you that you need to possess?'
- We have inherited the promises of God, by becoming his people through faith in Jesus and Jesus is the ultimate witness to the Faithfulness of God.
- So God is faithful, he was faithful to Israel, he was faithful in sending Jesus, he continues to be faithful, and he will keep his promises.
- We are all waiting for the ultimate fulfillment of the promises of God, as we read in the book of Revelation (the final chapters of the bible) and as the historic creeds summaries. Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

Worship

Worship is not just singing, it is thanking God for who he is and what he has done and is lived out through a life of trusting obedience. Discussing this together is an act of worship.

(Small group worship resources can be found at bvc.so/sgworship)

- What are you thankful for this week?
- Where has God been at work in your life?
- When have you taken risks in faith and obedience this week?

If you have a time of singing you can skip the above questions but please do ask this question each week:

- What has God been speaking to you about this week? *(Go around the group quickly don't spend a long time on it)*

Discussion Questions (choose some which are most relevant to your group)

1. Do you find it easy to trust God?
2. Have you ever felt disappointed with God? How did you deal with your disappointment?
3. What do you think we can do to grow in faith and patience?
4. What promises has God made you that you need to possess?

Witness - How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?

We want to be investing in authentic relationships with those who don't know Jesus yet and inviting them to anything where they might meet other Christians and Jesus. Pick one of the below each week:

- How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?
- What church events coming up would your friends appreciate an invitation to?