

Growth Group Guide

Topic: Living in the In-Between – Joshua 13

Opening Question:

Can you share a time when you were waiting for God to fulfill a promise or prayer? How did you navigate the 'in-between' season?

Key Scripture:

- Joshua 13:1 (CSB): Joshua was now old, advanced in age, and the LORD said to him, "You have become old, advanced in age, but a great deal of the land remains to be possessed."
- Joshua 13:7 (CSB): Therefore, divide this land as an inheritance for the nine tribes and half the tribe of Manasseh."
- Joshua 13:33 (CSB): But to the tribe of Levi, Moses gave no inheritance. The LORD, the God of Israel, was their inheritance, just as he had promised them.
- Hebrews 11:1 (CSB): Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen.
- Philippians 1:6 (CSB): I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
- Joshua 21:45 (CSB): None of the good promises the LORD had made to the house of Israel failed. Everything was fulfilled.
- Hebrews 12:1–2 (CSB): Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- Revelation 7:9 (CSB): After this I looked, and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes with palm branches in their hands.

Main Points:

- I. Joshua 13 shows us that God's promises are certain even when they feel incomplete (Josh 13:1).
- II. Faith means living in the tension of the 'already and not yet' (Heb 11:1).
- III. God calls His people to act on His promises before they are fully realized (Josh 13:7).

IV. Our greatest inheritance is not land or possessions but the Lord Himself (Josh 13:33).

V. The ultimate fulfillment of God's promises is found in Jesus, who brings us into God's eternal rest (Rev 7:9).

Key Takeaways:

1. God's promises can be trusted even when life feels unfinished.
2. The 'in-between' is an opportunity for dependence on God.
3. Faith is choosing to live like God's promises are true, even before they are fully visible.
4. Our inheritance is secure because it is rooted in God Himself.
5. Jesus is the greater Joshua who completes what is still unfinished in our lives and in the world.

Discussion Questions:

1. Scripture Understanding Question:

Read Joshua 13:1-7. Why do you think God called Joshua to divide the land before it was fully possessed? What does this teach us about faith?

2. Group Reflection Question:

What does it look like for us today to live in the 'already but not yet' reality of God's promises?

3. Personal Application Question:

Where in your life do you feel like you're living in the 'in-between'? How is God shaping your faith there?

4. Practical Implementation Question:

What is one step of obedience you can take this week to live as though God's promises are already true?

5. Challenge/Growth Question:

How does keeping your eyes on Jesus (Heb 12:1-2) change the way you handle unfinished or unresolved areas of your life?

Next Steps:

****This week, join us in prayer:****

Ask God to give you faith to trust Him in the 'in-between' spaces of your life. Pray for the courage to act on His promises even when they feel incomplete.

Individual: Write down one area of your life that feels unfinished and commit to trusting God with it this week.

Accountability: Share your 'in-between' area with your group and ask them to pray for you.

Scripture: Memorize Philippians 1:6 (CSB): 'I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.'

LIVE SENT: Encourage someone in your community who feels stuck or unfinished—remind them that God is not done with them yet.