

# Growth Group Guide

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## Topic: Boundaries as Blessing – Joshua 15

### Opening Question:

When you think about 'boundaries,' do you usually see them as restrictions or blessings? Why?

### Key Scripture:

- Joshua 15:1 (CSB): Now the allotment for the tribe of the descendants of Judah by their clans was from the southern border to the wilderness of Zin in the extreme south.
- Joshua 15:13–14 (CSB): He gave Caleb son of Jephunneh the following portion among the descendants of Judah based on the LORD's instruction to Joshua: Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron; Arba was the father of Anak). Caleb drove out from there the three sons of Anak: Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai, descendants of Anak.
- Joshua 15:18–19 (CSB): When she arrived, she persuaded Othniel to ask her father for a field. As she got off her donkey, Caleb asked her, 'What do you want?' She replied, 'Give me a blessing. Since you have given me land in the Negev, give me the springs also.' So he gave her the upper and lower springs.
- Joshua 15:63 (CSB): But the descendants of Judah could not drive out the Jebusites who lived in Jerusalem, so the Jebusites live in Jerusalem among the descendants of Judah to this day.
- Psalm 16:5–6 (CSB): LORD, you are my portion and my cup of blessing; you hold my future. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- John 4:14 (CSB): But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again. In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up in him for eternal life.

### Main Points:

1. God's boundaries are intentional, not random—they are drawn in love for our good (Josh 15:1; Ps 16:5–6).
2. Caleb shows us courage to claim God's promises within his boundaries (Josh 15:13–14).
3. Achsah models bold faith—asking for springs to make her portion fruitful (Josh 15:18–19).

4. Even within God's boundaries, challenges remain (Josh 15:63), reminding us to depend on Him.

5. Jesus fulfills and transforms boundaries, giving us living water and eternal inheritance (John 4:14).

### Key Takeaways:

- God's boundaries are gifts, not punishments.
- Courage and bold faith help us thrive within His boundaries.
- Boundaries are platforms for God's blessing to overflow to others.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What do the boundaries in Joshua 15 teach us about God's faithfulness and provision?
2. How does Achsah's bold request challenge or encourage you in your own prayers?
3. Where do you see 'unfinished business' within your boundaries? How might God be using it for growth?
4. How can you shift your perspective to see limits as invitations for God's blessing?
5. What does it mean for you personally to live sent within the boundaries God has given you?

### Next Steps:

**\*\*This week, join us in prayer:\*\* Ask God to help you see His boundaries as blessings and to give you courage to trust Him within them.**

Individual: Identify one area in your life that feels limiting and ask God how He wants to bless you there.

Accountability: Share with your group one way you will trust God's provision within your boundaries this week.

Scripture: Memorize Psalm 16:6 (CSB): 'The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.'

LIVE SENT: Encourage someone in your community by sharing how God has blessed you within your current boundaries.