

Growth Group Guide

Topic: Every Seat Filled – Joshua 18–19

Opening Question:

Have you ever delayed acting on something you knew God was calling you to do? What held you back, and what helped you finally move forward?

Key Scripture:

- Joshua 18:1 (CSB): The entire Israelite community assembled at Shiloh and set up the tent of meeting there; the land had been subdued before them.
- Joshua 18:3 (CSB): So Joshua said to the Israelites, “How long will you delay going out to take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, gave you?”
- Joshua 19:51 (CSB): These were the portions that the priest Eleazar, Joshua son of Nun, and the family heads distributed to the Israelite tribes by lot at Shiloh in the Lord’s presence at the entrance to the tent of meeting. So they finished dividing up the land.
- Deuteronomy 1:6 (CSB): The Lord our God spoke to us at Horeb: ‘You have stayed at this mountain long enough.’
- James 2:17 (CSB): In the same way faith, if it doesn’t have works, is dead by itself.
- Philippians 3:12–14 (CSB): Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God’s heavenly call in Christ Jesus.

Main Points:

1. God’s promises are available, but they require obedience to be experienced (Josh 18:3).
2. Delayed obedience is disobedience—Israel had to move from waiting to walking (Deut 1:6).
3. God has already given victory, but His people must step into it by faith (Josh 18:1).
4. True faith leads to action—trusting God means taking possession of what He’s promised (James 2:17).
5. Finishing well matters—God’s promises are fulfilled when His people persevere (Phil 3:12–14; Josh 19:51).

Key Takeaways:

- God's promises are meant to be possessed, not just proclaimed.
- Obedience is the bridge between promise and fulfillment.
- Delayed obedience can cause us to miss blessings God intends for now.
- God calls His people to move forward with courage, faith, and perseverance.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does Joshua 18:3 reveal about the heart of God and the tendency of His people?
2. Why do you think the Israelites hesitated to take possession of their inheritance? How do we sometimes do the same?
3. What is one area where God has already spoken, but you've been slow to act?
4. How does Philippians 3:12–14 encourage perseverance in seasons of delay or discouragement?
5. What practical steps can help our group encourage one another toward full obedience?

Next Steps:

****This week, join us in prayer:** Ask God to reveal any area where you've delayed obedience and to give you faith to take the next step.**

Individual: Identify one specific step of obedience you've been postponing. Commit to take action this week.

Accountability: Share that next step with your group or a trusted friend and ask them to pray with you for follow-through.

Scripture: Memorize Joshua 18:3 (CSB): 'How long will you delay going out to take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, gave you?'

LIVE SENT: Look for someone who is hesitant to trust God's direction—encourage them to move forward in obedience.