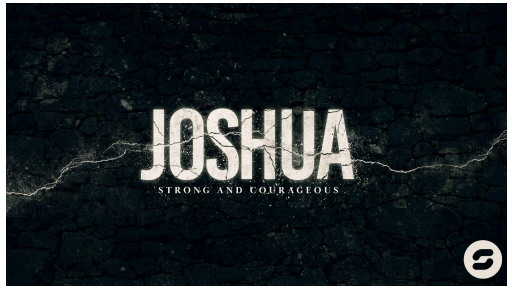


STUDY GUIDE

April 21

STAY IN THE LOOP

Announcements



- We are planning a **Spring Clean-Up Day** on Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 8am to noon at our Kemptville and Winchester Campuses. Bring your own garden and cleaning tools to complete our chores. Everyone is welcome. No special skills are needed. If you can attend, please confirm on ChurchCenter.

START WITH PRAYER

Use this Prayer Prompt

Praise God for His goodness. Thank God for His past faithfulness. Ask God to prepare our hearts, souls, and minds and remove anything that keeps us from being obedient to Him.

STUDY THE BIBLE

Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:

Joshua 5:1-15

Ezekiel 11:17-20

STIR UP DISCUSSION

How does this week's teaching affect me personally?

1. Why do you think God chose circumcision as a crucial preparatory step for the Israelites before entering battle? How does circumcision symbolize a deeper spiritual reality beyond a physical act?
2. How can we allow God to "circumcise" our hearts?

3. What significance does the encounter with the commander of the Lord's army hold for Joshua and what message does it convey to him?
4. How can we apply the lessons of obedience, reliance on God's strength, and the assurance of His presence in our own lives and battles today?
5. How does God's timing often differ from our human perspective of urgency and deadlines? How can we cultivate patience and trust in God's timing in our own lives, especially when facing challenges or waiting for His promises to be fulfilled?

STEP INTO ACTION

Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.

1. *A soldier makes sure his equipment is in order before going into battle. Likewise, we must make sure our heart is in order before we enter the battlefield. Is there something in my life that I need to do to get right with God?*
2. *Rely on God for strength. Remind yourself of God's promises, His character, and His past faithfulness. Remind yourself again and again that you are not alone. Even if you can't see God's angels around you, see them with the eyes of your heart.*