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TRANSFORMATION

"And we... are being transformed into His likeness."

2 Corinthians 3:18

CHETS TOP 5

Rio Mission Team
Commissioning
Today, all three services

Vacation Bible
School
Registration
June 20th - 23rd
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible
School
Training/Dinner
June 6th
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Summer Bible
Studies Begin
Middle School
June 16th - 12:30 p.m.
High School
June 17th - 7:00 p.m.
College
June 1st - 7:00 p.m.

Beach Baptism
June 27th - 6:00 p.m.



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Discussion Guide

Life Sentences - "Success"

FOCUS: To discuss Joshua's example of success and be challenged to alter his/her life to aim for true success.

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Great Sea [a] on the west. 5 No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. 6 "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:1-9 (NIV)

1. What is the literal meaning of Joshua's name and why did Moses change his name from Hoshea to Joshua?
2. What do the following passages reveal about Joshua's character?
 - a. (Exodus 24:13)
 - b. (Exodus 32:17)
 - c. (Exodus 33:11)
 - d. (Numbers 14:30, 38)
 - e. (Numbers 27:18-23)
3. Why was Joshua prepared to lead the people to the Promise Land? (Joshua 1:1-2)
4. How does proper training and having a mentor help lead to success?
5. What is the significance of the phrase, "I have given it to you" in (v. 3)?
6. Are there blessings God has promised you that are there and all you have to do is possess them? What?
7. How is (v. 5) both a promise and a warning?
8. Success and blessing does not mean a life void of trials. How has God delivered you through trials?
9. God tells Joshua 3 times in (vs. 6-9) to be strong and courageous. In what areas of your life do you need to apply these traits?
10. What is the key source of strength and courage which will bring success according to (v. 8)?
11. What does God instruct Joshua and the people to do with the Word?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
12. How are you doing with this prescription for success?
13. What promises are made at the end of each verse?
 - a. (v. 7)
 - b. (v. 8)
 - c. (v. 9)
14. How can these promises give you confidence to live each day?

Read Thru the Bible

"How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

Psalm 119:103-105

June	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalm	Proverbs
6	2 Samuel 16:1-17:29	John 11:21-44	69:13-18	15:10-11
7	2 Samuel 18:-19:23	John 11:45-12:11	69:19-28	15:12-13
8	2 Samuel 19:24-21:22	John 12:12-33	69:29-36	15:14-15
9	2 Samuel 22:1-23:7	John 12:34-13:11	70:1-5	15:16-17
10	2 Samuel 23:8-24:25	John 13:12-38	71:1-8	15:18-19
11	1 Kings 1:1-53	John 14:1-21	71:9-16	15:20-21
12	1 Kings 2:1-46	John 14:22-15:10	71:17-24	15:22-23
13	1 Kings 3:1-4:34	John 15:11-16:4	72:1-7	15:24-25

LifeGroup Prayer Requests:

"You are not responsible for everyone in the church family - but you are responsible to them. So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

LOOKING TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY

Hope - Psalm 23

To examine the message of hope in Psalm 23 and be challenged to face all trials through the power of the Good Shepherd.

MONDAY - JUNE 7, 2010

Read Psalm 23:1; Psalm 78:52; Isaiah 40:11; John 10:11

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

52 But he brought his people out like a flock; he led them like sheep through the desert.

11 He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

- What comes to your mind when you think about a Shepherd? Do any modern equivalents in today's society come to mind (teachers, coaches, parents, nursery workers, etc.)?
- What are some actions of a Shepherd that Isaiah 40:11 describes?
- What is the relational description or connection?
- As we grow into adulthood, we grow in our independence. How does this affect a person's willingness to let God be their Shepherd?
- How have you grown in independence from the Lord?

TUESDAY - JUNE 8, 2010

Read Psalm 23:2-3; Philippians 4:19; Revelation 7:17

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- In our journey of life we work hard to provide for ourselves and for our family. Things most often get more and more complicated and difficult. We get tired physically, emotionally, and spiritually. On a scale of 1-10, take a minute and rate your degree of being tired: 10 being exhausted and 1 being fully rested.
- Verse 2 (also Revelation 7:17) speaks of a spiritual rest. How would being at rest in Christ affect the areas of emotional and physical fatigue?
- What can you do to be "spiritually at rest?"

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 9, 2010

Read Psalm 23:4; Habakkuk 3:16-19; Romans 8:1, 9

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

16 I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled. Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come on the nation invading us. 17 Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, 18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. 19 The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights. For the director of music. On my stringed instruments.

1Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.... 9You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

- What does it feel like to walk in darkness?
- What does David say is his comfort during those times of darkness?
- This is the relational aspect of the Lord being our Shepherd. Are you confident that the Lord is with you?
- If you have put your faith in Christ, God promises that He is with us (Romans 8:1, 9). Thank the Lord for being with you through His Holy Spirit. Tell someone today that God is with you.

THURSDAY - JUNE 10, 2010

Read Psalm 23:5; Psalm 78:19-20

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

19 They spoke against God, saying, "Can God spread a table in the desert? 20 When he struck the rock, water gushed out, and streams flowed abundantly. But can he also give us food? Can he supply meat for his people?"

- Where is the most special place you have been to eat? Why was it special (the food, location, the person you were with, or the person making the meal)?
- What is significant about a meal, with a table, in the wilderness or in the middle of people who would want to do you harm? How safe would you feel?
- This speaks of our Shepherd's protective and provisional power. If you can, have a meal at the park with some friends or family and talk about what it would be like to be in the wilderness and have the Lord's provision and protection.

FRIDAY - JUNE 11, 2010

Read Psalm 23:6

6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

- One of the most known and experienced attributes of God, by the people of Israel, was His loving-kindness. Loving-kindness might best be understood as an unfailing or unconditional love. What is so important about David desiring God's unconditional, unfailing love?
- Do you desire this love?
- To dwell in the house of the Lord means to have full communion and fellowship with God. The fullness of this will happen when we are in heaven. How can you foster a deeper sense of communion and fellowship with God?