

Radical Faithfulness

Joshua 23

Focus: on God's radical faithfulness and our response: the great blessing of loving and obeying God and the great consequences of unfaithfulness and disobedience

Resources:

Here is a helpful sermon on this passage by Sam Storms:

<http://www.samstorms.com/all-articles/post/cling-to-the-lord-your-god-joshua-231-16>



NW's 2018 Priority

Bought: we belong to Christ!

we want to ...

- be captivated by the truth that we belong to Christ, that we are His people and...
- be in awe of this privilege...
- respond in willing obedience...
- invite others to join us!

Discussion:

- **OPTION:** discuss the questions on the small group general discussion guide (see below).
- Read ch. 23 aloud. List all the ways you see God's faithfulness referred to (in a positive sense). How does this portrait of God's faithfulness encourage you?
- Read vv. 6, 8 & 11. How are these appropriate responses to God's faithfulness? Which of these is most needful in your life?
- How is God's faithfulness displayed in vv. 12-13, 15-16? How does that affect the way you think about God? about your own obedience?
- What is Joshua concerned might lead the away from faithfully following God's ways (cf. vv. 7, 12)? What are the things that tempt us to unfaithfulness in our culture?
- What most encourages you from this passage? what most challenges you? What is your most significant takeaway?

Missional Opps! Challenge your group to love a neighbor well at one of these events!

- Take a neighbor to **Six Sundays in Spring** - this Sunday evening at Joyner Park.

- Take a neighbor to Friday Night on White, Takes place along South White Street on the second Friday of each month from April through September. The free concerts run from 6-9 p.m. and feature a variety of premier local bands.

GENERAL DISCUSSION GUIDE:

- What insights do I see about God's character or the way he works? any promises he makes?
- What examples/commands am I to follow? to avoid?
- What is this passage about? (what are the main ideas or major themes?)
- What questions does this passage raise that I want to think about/discuss with the group?
- What do I think God wants me to do in response to this passage?