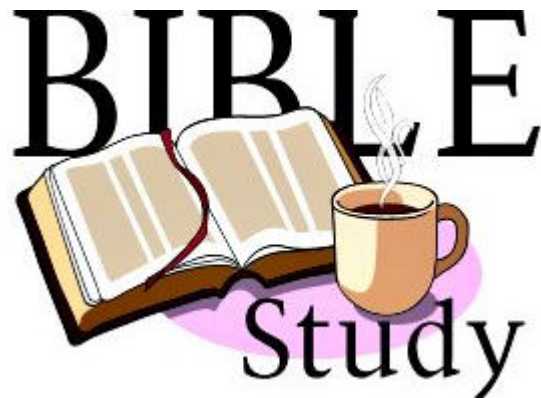


Joshua – The man and the message

STUDY 3

Readings: Numbers 27:18-23

Deuteronomy 31:7-8



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Home Fellowship Group Bible Study Questions

Tuesday 17th/Wednesday 18th June 2014

In this study we pick up the story with the Israelites so close to the Promised Land that it can be surveyed from the top of a mountain. Although Moses will not be allowed to enter Canaan, he is able to view it from a distance; and his prayer is that God would raise up a new leader “*so that the congregation of the LORD may not be as sheep that have no shepherd*” (Numbers 27:17).

- 1) In verses 18-19, why was Joshua’s commissioning to be such a public event; and why is Eleazar mentioned separately?
- 2) What is the significance of verse 20 in Joshua’s continuing preparation for leadership. What does this teach about leadership in the church today?
- 3) What do we discover in verse 21 that arguably identifies the most important part of Joshua’s training?

Read: Numbers 27:22-23/Deuteronomy 31:7-8

- 4) What does verse 7 remind you of; and what does it suggest about the task, and the person called to perform it?
- 5) Following the exhortation in verse 7, we find the encouragement in verse 8. *What are the reasons that Joshua does not need to “fear or be dismayed”?*
- 6) What does the call and commissioning of a leader thousands of years ago teach us about the call to leadership among God’s people today?