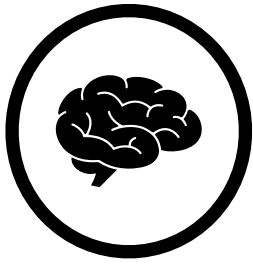


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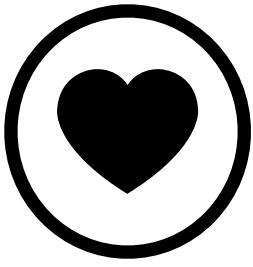
30th April 2023 | God at the end of our journey | Joshua 23



Exploring the text

Questions for reflection:

1. Why does Joshua call the leaders together? What was the basic content of his message to them?
2. What reminders does Joshua give them? What does this teach us about Joshua's leadership?
3. The phrase 'Lord your God' appears 12 times in this chapter. What is the significance of this repetition for the people?
4. Joshua tell the people to 'be very strong and careful' (vs.6) and to 'be very careful to love the Lord your God' (vs.11). Do you think there is a connection between obeying and love for God?
5. What are the warnings should they turn away from God (vs.12-14)? Does the New Testament offer similar warnings to us today?
6. What is the contrast between vs.14 and vs.15? Why is it important to understand that our good Father is the author of both?



Connecting our hearts

Questions for reflection:

1. Stu suggested that every decision we make adds to the story we get tell of ourselves - do you agree? What major decisions have you made which have impacted your story?
2. One author wrote, 'Private decisions have public impact' would you agree?
3. Do you think it is a sin to forget the things that God has done in our past?
4. Why is it important to remember all that God has done?
5. Stu suggested that vs.6-11 outline practical things we can do to make sure we do not forget the good things God has done. What are they?
6. What are the biggest cultural influences that are infiltrating the church today? How can Christians stand fast and mould culture rather than being moulded by culture?



Living it out

Questions for reflection:

1. What big decisions are before me now, which will impact my story?
2. Make a list of ways in which God has revealed His goodness to you this year (take your time). Spend time praising God for His goodness.
3. Tell one person this week about the difference knowing Jesus has made to your story.

Use the below space to write you own prayer of response