



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Strong & Courageous Joshua – A Man of Destiny Community Life Group Questions for 06.05.11

Read the following:

“You can exercise and sustain personal leadership only to the extent of your capacity to bear pain. If you can bear only your own pain, then you can’t really lead. If you can respond to and bear only the pain of your family, then your family represents the full scope of your leadership potential. If, however, by God’s grace you can recognize and bear the pain of those around you, then the breadth of your leadership potential is limited only by the scope of your burden and capacity.”

1. Do you agree or disagree with the above statement? What are some biblical leaders who represent the kind of ability mentioned in the above statement? In what ways did Joshua represent these qualities of leadership? If the above statement is true then what does it say about your personal ability to lead?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 10:11. What does this verse mean? What does it say about the importance of stories like Joshua? Read Joshua 24:29-31. What does this verse say about the kind of leader Joshua was? What are some of the legacy’s you desire to leave with people you lead?
3. What role does humility play in being used by God (See Matthew 10:16)? Read Joshua 3:7. What does this verse tell us about God’s part in raising leaders? What does humility have to do with serving (See Eph. 2:22). Read Numbers 12:3. Why does God place such a high value on humility? In what ways do you personally need to become more humble?
4. Read Hebrews 11:30. Why was faith such an important ingredient in being used by God? How do faith and humility go together? What does our capacity to bear up under pain have to do with faith? In what ways has pain and hurt caused you to stumble in your faith?

Spend time praying for each other in the area of humility and faith...