



Three Burials

September 8th -9th, 2018

SERIES: Joshua

SPEAKER: John Williamson (Timberlake), Josh Allen (Altavista), Theo Griffin (Downtown) STUDY GUIDE: Christopher Shafer

Read: Joshua 24:29-33

Joshua's Death and Burial (vv.29-31)

- Joshua's epitaph was SERVANT of the LORD (v.29)
- Joshua's burial demonstrates God's FAITHFULNESS (v.30)
- Joshua's leadership was never intended to CONTINUE. (v.30)
- Joshua's legacy was written in the lives of the LEADERS he INFLUENCED and the PEOPLE he LED (v.31)

Joseph's bones **SHOUT "God is FAITHFUL" (v.32)**

Eleazar's burial indicates a **DEPARTURE** from the living and true God (v.33)

Bottom Line: God keeps His promises and enables His servants to succeed if they will trust Him and obey His Word

For those not yet living a Jesus-centered life

1. LIVE in God's PROMISES

For those living a Jesus-centered life

1. TRUST GOD and OBEY His Word!
2. Pray for and expect VISUAL demonstrations of God's POWER and WORK in your own life and in you family.
3. Write your EPITAPH.

Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you the most from this past week's sermon?
2. What was the most convicting part of this week's sermon and how has the Spirit lead you to follow that conviction?
3. If you had to describe the type of Christ follower you wanted to be at the end of your life, what characteristics are currently not present or what needs to change today to start working towards that goal?
4. How have you seen God's power work in your life in the past?
5. Now, in what circumstances do you need to experience His provisions and Shalom today?
6. Recall on God's faithfulness and let it encourage you to press into Him more. Think back to the spiritual or physical situations that the group was in when we first started teaching through Joshua and reflect on how the Lord has provided for you in this time. Now, in faith, pray for future changes to be made for Christ's glory.
7. **Food for thought:** In general, Western culture views everything through an extremely individualistic lens and forces us to think about of relationship with God on a one-on-one basis (i.e. It's my quiet time or my relationship with God). That being said, how does the quote "Full blessing by all requires full obedience by all" used in this week's sermon pull our focus off of just on our own lives and focus our attention on the overall spiritual health of the body of Christ? Who do you need to serve and who needs to be reminded of truth?

OPTIONAL Throughout the Week:

When reading through the Mark's account of the Life of Jesus ask yourself these 5 questions:

1. Is there a command to obey? 2. Is there an example to follow? 3. Is there a promise to claim? 4. Is there a sin to avoid? 5. Is there a principle to follow?

Monday: 1 John 1 **Tuesday:** 1 John 2 **Wednesday:** 1 John 3 **Thursday:** 1 John 4 **Friday:** 1 John 5