

## Pastor Joseph Zwanziger The Invitation

### USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

[Joshua 1:1-7]

*“After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, saying: 2 “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.*

[Prov. 3:5-6]

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;  
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.*

**1) An invitation is for an event at a specific time**

**Kairos** = a set/limited period of time; a “window” of time

[Luke 19:44]

*“... You did not know the time of your visitation”*

## **2) The Invitation is in the Spirit, not on paper**

[John 4:24]

*“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and Truth”*

[Joshua 1:3]

*“Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you”*

[Joshua 1:5]

*“No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.”*

[Joshua 1:9]

*“Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*

[Joshua 3:1-6]

*Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over. 2 So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp; 3 and they commanded the people, saying, “When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. 4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before.” 5 And Joshua said to the people, “Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.” 6 Then Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, “Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over before the people.”*

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**You can live your life by those three elements:**

- Trust (in the Lord)
- Sanctify (yourself)
- Follow (Godly leadership, as we all follow His presence)

[Joshua 3:5]

*“Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.”*

**Sanctify** = to set apart; dedicate oneself

[Matt. 5:8]

*“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” (NKJV)*

*“You’re blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.” (MSG)*

**Sanctify TO...**

- The Word
- Prayer
- Worship

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Have you ever been invited to an extravagant event?
2. What does it look like to accept Gods invitation and show up?
3. What does it look like to worship in the Spirit?
4. Share a time when you experience Gods presence in a mighty way.
5. Where, when and how long will you read the Bible, Pray and Worship? If you haven't scheduled it, it won't happen. Hold each other accountable to being intentional about these simple disciplines of a child of God.
6. Spend some time acknowledging what God is doing then spend some time asking God to speak to you, individually and corporately.

7. We were created to worship God, outside of His presence we are like a fish out of water. Press in as a group, don't stop till you experience His presence among you. Those who seek Him WILL find Him.