

“Get ready to cross” Joshua 1:2

Leadership at a time of transition for God’s people

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9 NIV11)

Series Overview

Coming out of lockdown is bumpy. Some people are excited to gather, and others are afraid. Some people have grown and some have regressed. Some people want change and some want stability.

How do we, as leaders, navigate the transition with sensitivity to people’s hopes and fears, faithfulness to God and spiritual wisdom?

This series, inspired by Joshua’s leadership of Israel at a time of transition, will provide biblical insight to equip leaders with the spiritual principles necessary to lead with love, faith, courage and resilience.

Classes

Class 1: “I will be with you” Josh 1:5. What we are becoming as leaders: our own personal growth as shepherds; who we are becoming is important; bigger-hearted; learning about God’s strength & provision; growing in spiritual strength and love for God; this time growing us; what attitude is needed in us?

Class 2: “Be strong and courageous” Josh 1:6. We need resilience as a leader when things are bumpy: some people are distracted, anxious, finding transition hard; how do we manage the turbulence of members’ reactions, and strength of opinions?

Class 3: “Go through the camp” Josh 1:11. The art of delegation and full involvement/ownership. A class about relationships; helping people to fully participate again and take ownership; seeing the opportunity for a higher proportion of the congregation to be engaged.

Class 1: “I will be with you”, Joshua 1:5

“I would go so far to say that, far from being a disqualification, self-doubt is actually a qualification for service and ministry. Only when I know that I haven’t got everything sorted out am I forced to rely upon the power of God.” Pierce, Meic, *Who’s Feeding Whom?* Guernsey Press Ltd, 1996, p26

The wilderness reveals God

“As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD... (Exodus 14:10ff)

“Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.”....“The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”” (Luke 10:3, 17)

Big Question: What has God taught you about himself since the COVID-19 virus hit us?

The example of Paul

“We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself.” (2 Corinthians 1:8)

“..when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Corinthians 12:10)

“I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength...” (1 Timothy 1:12)

“But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength...” (2 Timothy 4:17)

Big Question: How do you access and experience the strength of God?

Self-care for leaders

