

Take the Next Step

Choose Your Direction – Joshua 24:14-19

Read/Reflect

1. Read Joshua 24 – the whole chapter once again. Recall your summary sentence of what is going on in this chapter (from last week).
 - this chapter will guide us in this series to help us “take the next step” in our spiritual lives.
 - We’ve created a spiritual assessment tool that can help you reflect on what your next step might be in your discipleship – whether it’s into 1) a changed life, 2) a diverse community, 3) a radical impact. Look for the assessment booklet at the information booth in the foyer.
 - This week (January 19-26) work through the booklet in your life group.
2. Re-read verses 14-19. What’s your impression of Joshua’s speech, with what tone or expectation do you imagine him speaking it? What’s your impression of the people’s response, with what tone or expectation do you imagine them answering Joshua?

Explore

3. Have there been times previously when you’ve taken a “next step” in your spiritual life? Describe what it was like to take that step. What were your emotions and expectations associated with that step?
4. Have you completed the Spiritual assessment? Discuss your reactions to it with each other?
 - What was it like (a personal reaction) to take the assessment?
 - In what area will you focus your next step?
 - What surprises were there in reflecting on your journey?
 - What is standing in the way of taking the next step? (Joshua says, “Put aside the gods you have worshipped. . .”)

Pray

- Call on God to surprise you anew with his grace and kindness in your life,
 - To gently show you corrections needed in your faith,
 - To reveal to you new adventures in your faith,
 - To spur you on to take the next step.
- Pray for one another in the discoveries and decisions each has made.

