



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, November 9, 2025

JOSHUA HOUSE

Restoring Hope | Rebuilding Lives

Read/Reflect

1. Read Joshua 23:6-11. What is the context of these words? Who is speaking? To whom?
2. If in a New Testament context, the church parallels Old Testament Israel, how might this speech be encouragement to church members today?
 - ☐ Be separate from the world and you'll be safe.
 - ☐ Love God and you will thrive.
 - ☐ Obedience is what it's all about.
 - ☐ Life is a fight; you'll win if you're on God's side
 - ☐ Live your life as a holy person
 - ☐ Other: _____

Explore

The story of Joshua House reminds us that healing doesn't happen in isolation. God builds people the same way He built Israel — through community, courage, and faith. These questions invite you to reflect on what it means to be part of God's restoring work in our homes, churches, and neighbourhoods.

3. In your own experience, how has community—whether church, family, or friendship—played a role in your healing or growth? How might God be inviting you to build that kind of community for others?
4. The story of Joshua reminds us that God breaks strongholds—not by our strength but by His. What “walls” in your life, or in our culture, feel like Jericho walls? What might it look like to trust God to bring them down?
5. Bruce Alexander's “Rat Park” experiment showed that isolation fuels addiction, while connection brings freedom. Where do you see disconnection or loneliness in our communities today? How could the church become a place of reconnection and belonging?

Pray

- Pray and ask God to reveal to us personally and as the body of believer's ways we can be a healing community.
- Give thanks for the ministry of Joshua House and pray for the residents, that they may experience God's love; pray for Jim Heuvig as he leads and directs Joshua House.

