

The Story
Week 4: Stopping the Generational Slide
June 6th, 2021

OPENING PRAYER

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of applying this truth in our daily lives.

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

~Safe Group	~Silence	~Sharing
~Confidentiality	~No Cross Talk	~Self-Aware
~Listen	~No Fixing	~"I" Statements
~Pause	~No Rescuing	~Handle Conflict Biblically

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

Do you have some type of tradition, activity, story, or material possession that has been passed down through the generations? (Briefly explain)

INTRODUCTION

We continue in God's Story, ***The Story***, this week as we look at the life of Joshua. In Joshua's life, and in the generations that follow, we are going to trace a pattern of struggle that can happen as we hand down our faith from generation to generation. Our study this week is ***Stopping the Generational Slide***. Our passage of scripture comes from Joshua 24:14-24.

THIS WEEK'S KEY SCRIPTURE: Joshua 24:14-24

Read the passage: Have someone in your group read the passage of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

DISCUSSION:

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

EXPLORING THE SCRIPTURE:

- What do you notice in this text with new or fresh eyes?
- What do you struggle with?
- What surprises you?
- What encourages you?

ENGAGING THE MESSAGE:

- What is the commitment Joshua makes before God and the Israelites?
- Why does this commitment matter and how does it affect his life?
- How do the people respond?
- If you are familiar with scripture, or from Sunday's message notes, what happens to the generation after Joshua not long after His death?
- Talk about the difference in Joshua's commitment and that of the people. What happened?

LIVING IT OUT-APPLICATION:

- What can you learn from this, and how will it affect your commitment to Christ?

CLOSING PRAYER: Spend some time in prayer, pray for the season we are in, for those that may be affected, for the community, for our world. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.