

GROUP DISCUSSION

Welcome everyone as they come.

Note that all discussion is to be confidential.

Read Joshua 24:1-28 and discuss the following question.

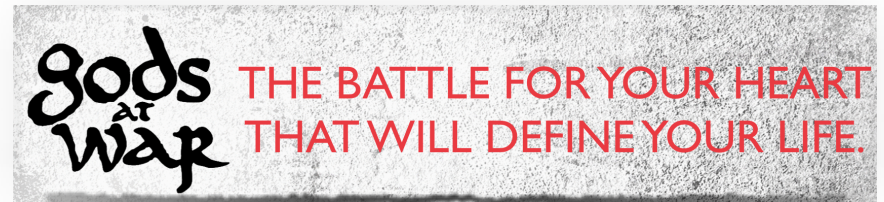
1. What is one takeaway you had from the Bible passage or sermon?

Watch the video and take notes below.

Discuss the following questions.

2. What is one takeaway you had from the video?
3. What gods are warring for your heart & how is the battle going?
4. How will you daily "choose this day" to serve/worship Jesus?
What daily discipline will you adopt?

Pray for one another. Leave plenty of time for people to share requests and pray. List some reminders to help you pray this week.



WEEK 1: Worship

SERMON NOTES

THREE KEYS TO WINNING THE WAR ON IDOLS

1. Appreciate God's Past Blessing (Joshua 24:1-13)
 - God chose Israel
 - God delivered Israel
 - God guided Israel
 - God gave Israel land

"The Lord your God has fought for you against your enemies." (Joshua 23:2-3 NLT)

2. Accept God's Present Challenge (Joshua 24:14-28)

3. Acknowledge God's Future Judgement (Joshua 24:20; 23:12-16)

*"God will not allow his children to sin successfully."
- Charles Spurgeon*

APPLICATION:

- ☐ 1. **Courage.** Today, I will trust God to help me overthrow my idols.
- ☐ 2. **Commitment.** Today, as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.
- ☐ 3. **Community.** Today, I will confide in a small group and seek their help in overthrowing my idols.

DAILY REFLECTION & EXERCISE

You can read over these in 1 minute, but that will not help you in this war. Instead, invite God to speak to you each day as you reflect and journal on these devotions.

DAY 1 Identify the gods at war for your heart.

What we are most disappointed with often reveals where we have put our hope. Where we put our hope reveals our god. Read Job 6:20 and prayerfully journal your answer to this question... What are you most disappointed with?

DAY 2 Identify the gods at war for your heart.

The word "serve" appears seven times in Joshua's speech. Who or what you serve is revealed by how you spend your time and money. What do you sacrifice your time and money for? List these things and ask God how you should sacrifice for Him.

DAY 3 Identify the gods at war for your heart.

Where do you go when you're hurt? Where we go when we are hurt creates an honest moment of worship. Where do you go for comfort? List these things and ask God to help you go to Him instead.

DAY 4 Make a worship choice today.

Joshua says, "choose this day." The verb tense Joshua uses for choose isn't just a reference to a choice that they made once upon a time. Joshua is saying "I chose, I choose, I will keep choosing." Choosing this day means we appreciate what God has done. In verses 2-13 Joshua recounts the incredible things God has done for his people. Today, we celebrate what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. Share what you are thankful for. Where have you seen God work? Post it, Tweet it, Speak it!

DAY 5 Make a worship choice today.

Choosing this day also means we **recognize who God is**. In verse 19, Joshua reminds the people that God is a holy and jealous God. He will not share the hearts of his people with false gods. List attributes of God. Celebrate who He is by journaling, singing, or sharing your favorite hymns or praise songs.

DAY 6 Make a worship choice today.

Choosing this day also means we **smash all other gods**. In verse 23, Joshua says to them: "throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." If you've been trying to take cough syrup to treat the sin you're struggling with and the discouragement you're dealing with, then choose this day that the Lord God alone will sit on the throne of your heart. Ask God for direction on how to smash the gods in your life. Journal what you sense God wants you to do.
