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Taking Cities
Part 1
Sermon Small Group Notes

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than

God has a big is ion for your church your community your family and your life. How do we take ownership of the real-estate God has promised us?

[Deuteronomy 11:24, NLT]

Wherever you set foot, that land will be yours. Your frontiers will stretch from the wilderness in the south to Lebanon in the north, and from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.

4 Spiritual types of real-estate

1. Egypt = the place of death and bondage

(Deliverance required)

2. The Wilderness = the journey between

(The place of testing, trusting God, separation between the faithful and the disobedient)

3. Canaan-*the promised land* = Living in the place of inheritance / living out our full potential

4. Babylon = a returning to bondage and captivity.

[Joshua 1:1-9 NLT]

After the death of Moses the Lord's servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said, "Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you— from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.' No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you. "Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be

afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Fortified Cities:

Spiritual and or physical real-estate that requires acts of faith, obedience and the displacement of opposition in order to possess.

City takers are those who:

1. Obey The Lord

[Joshua 1:7 NLT]

Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do.

2. Cross over = to enter! or pass over to something new.

[Deuteronomy 1:6-8 NLT]

“When we were at Mount Sinai, the Lord our God said to us, ‘You have stayed at this mountain long enough. It is time to break camp and move on. Look, I am giving all this land to you! Go in and occupy it,...

3. Led by and dependent on the Presence of God

[Joshua 3:3-4]

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4. Partner with God through consecration.

[Joshua 3:5 NIV]

Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Have you identified some fortified cities in your life? What can you do to move toward inhabiting that which God has given you?**
- 2. As you look at the four spiritual types of real-estate where would you say you are currently?**
- 3. Describe a time you felt completely unprepared or equipped to move your life forward for the kingdom of God?**
- 4. If you alone are the sustainer of your life and finances and circumstances where is your need for God? When was the last time you stepped into something KNOWING that you were going to lean on God?**
- 5. Have you made a place for the presence of God in your home? What does that look like?**
- 6. In light of the overwhelming call that God has for us, why is it so important for us to meet together as children of God?**
- 7. What have you "set apart" for Gods use? What can you "set apart" today for God?**