



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 answering the questions.

Pastor Dave Patterson Taking Cities Part 2: Receiving an Inheritance Sermon Small Group Notes

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

[Joshua 1.1-3,5]

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--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.

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.

Inheritance is something that has been prepared for you!

[Deuteronomy 15.4]

*There need be no poor people among you, for in the land the LORD your God is giving you to **possess as your inheritance**, He will richly bless you.*

[1 Peter 1.3-4, NLT]

*All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by His great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and **we have a priceless inheritance**--an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.*

[Revelation 21.7]

Those who overcome will inherit all things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

[2 Corinthians 1.22]

*He has identified us as His own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the **first installment that guarantees** everything He has promised us.*

40x in Scripture (both past tense):

"God has given you the land."

"The Land God has given us."

Inherit / Yarash (265x):

"to occupy, by driving out previous tenants and possessing their place; to seize, to inherit, also to expel"

City takers are those who:

[Joshua 3:9-10]

Joshua said to the Israelites, "Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God. This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that He will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites.

Canaanites = merchants who humiliate (They were *financial giants who were motivated by greed and material accumulation.*)

[Nahum 3.16, NLT]

Your merchants have multiplied until they outnumber the stars. But like a swarm of locusts, they strip the land and fly away.

Hittites / Heth = A terrifying and intimidating people; Creating fear, confusion, and discouragement in their enemies.

Amorites = warlike, vicious talkers (They were arrogant and boastful in their speech, verbally corrupt; they always challenged their enemies)

[Psalm 64]

O God, protect my life from my enemies' threats. Hide me from the plots of this evil mob. They sharpen their tongues like swords and aim their bitter words like arrows. They shoot from ambush at the innocent, attacking suddenly and fearlessly.

[Joshua 23.9-13]

*For The LORD has driven out great and powerful nations for you, and no one has yet been able to defeat you. Each one of you will put to flight a thousand of the enemy, for the LORD your God fights for you, just as He has promised. So be very careful to love the LORD your God. But if you turn away from Him and cling to the customs of the **survivors of these nations remaining among you**, and if you intermarry with them, then know for certain that the LORD your God will no longer drive them out of your land. Instead, they will be a snare and a trap to you, a whip for your backs and thorny brambles in your eyes, and **you will vanish from this good land the LORD your God has given you.***

For every enemy in your Promised Land, there is a supernatural strategy to drive them out.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What do you personally think of when you think about "inheritance?" Is there anything that has been prepared for you?**
- 2. What are some "fortified cities" (obstacles) that your inheritance is kept behind? What are some things that need to be driven out? (The "-ites") In other words, who are some "squatters on your land" that need to be "evicted?"**
- 3. How does aligning our confession with the Word of God help us to ward off these enemies? What does that do to your spiritual reality?**
- 4. Why is it important to thoroughly deal with our enemies?**
- 5. What are some biblical strategies to drive out some of these enemies: greed, pride, fear/intimidation, etc?**