



# PORTRAITS of FAITH

## Community Group Discussion Guide

March 6, 2016

Week 1 | God's Faithfulness

The Holy One | Joshua 5:13-15

**Introduction:** We're in week one of a 3 week series we've titled Portraits of Faith. This short series tracks with the 365 reading in scripture. It looks at three individuals in three books. Joshua from the book of Joshua. Gideon from the book of Judges. Ruth from the book of Ruth. Sunday's sermon unpacked the biblical worldview as given in the first three chapters of Genesis.

### Questions for Study

1. Read the following scriptures and write down what you learn about Joshua from each one.
  - Exodus 17:8-16
  - Exodus 24:9-18
  - Exodus 32:17-20, 33:7-11
  - Numbers 13:1-33
2. How would you say each one of the experiences described in the above scriptures prepared Joshua for leading Israel?
3. What qualities of leadership has he shown to this point?
4. How was Joshua's life impacted by the unwillingness of the Israelites to go into Canaan because of the report of ten of the twelve spies?

## Questions For Study (Cont'd)

If you haven't read the first five chapters of Joshua, do this before answering the next set of questions.

5. How did Joshua show strong leadership in these five chapters? (Don't rush this. Give yourself the time and thought needed to give a complete answer to this question.)
  
6. After reading Joshua 6:13-15 a second time, write down in your own words what's happening here.
  
7. What do you learn about Joshua in these three verses that's essential for him to lead Israel well?
  
8. Read Deuteronomy 9:1-7. What do these verses tell us about God's purpose in sending the Israelites into Canaan?
  
9. Write down the answer given to Joshua when he asked the warrior standing before Him, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" It's found in the first part of Joshua 5:14. Now read Revelation 19:11-16. See any connection? What would you say it is?
  
10. What do you learn about God from Joshua 5:13-16? How should this impact your own life?