STUDY GUIDE

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[set up]

When was the last time you invited someone to new life in Christ by sharing your story or the story of Jesus?

- If it was recent, what is it that gives you the boldness to share?
- If it has been a while, is the lack of sharing due to fear or lack of courage?

[digging deeper]

Re-read Joshua 1:1-9. What is the relationship between God's promises and God's commands?

In the beginning of the text, we learn that Moses has died. Why did Moses die before entering the Promised Land?

What can we learn both about God's Promises and God's Commands from Moses being denied the Promised Land?

Work as a group to list 10-20 promises of God that apply to our lives today and then answer the following questions.

- 1. Are you sure this promise is for us? Be sure that this promise was not for a specific people in a specific time (like 1 King 9:5).
- 2. Are there conditions to these promises? Are they connected to obedience?
- 3. How should these promises influence the types of risks that we take? Do they give direction to our risks?

Read John 14:15-31. How does Jesus cover the points of the sermon this week?

- Risk-takers are confident in God's promises.
- Risk-takers and empowered by God's presence.
- Risk-takers are guided by God's Word.

[living it out]

Considering the fact that this group time has already gone over God's promises and God's direction for our life, there are two things left: (1) Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you eyes to see the good works that have been prepared for you and the courage to walk in them. (2) Get out there and take some Bible-centered, prayer-soaked, Kingdom-advancing risks.

Are there things that the Holy Spirit might already be impressing on you?

- What are they?
- Process them with your group.
- Check them against the Bible.