



## The Discipleship Journey: What are My Next Steps? February 14, 2010 Message

### READ

Read Deuteronomy 31:7-8 three times. First, read it as if you are Moses. Second, read it from Joshua's point of view. The third time, imagine you are one of the people of Israel. If possible, read it in three different versions.

### REFLECT

What thoughts or feelings come to your mind as you think from the perspective of each of these characters?

With which one do you most clearly relate in your present situation?

Choose either Joshua or Israel, thinking of a time in your life when you were (or are) anticipating a big change that was about to come. Think of a time when you needed to be strong and to have courage. Read the text silently, with that in mind.

- What were/are you looking forward to?
- What fears did/do you have?
- Were/are you able to face your fear and take on your new role?
  - If you did/do, then how?
  - If you weren't/aren't, then why? How were/are you discouraged?
- Looking back (or looking now), where did/do you see the Lord in that situation?

### LIVE

What do you think is the meaning of "the Lord will go before you?"  
What is the significance of the Lord being with you? Have you experienced this in some tangible way?

Pray about your future with the big changes in mind, known or unknown. Ask God to show you where He is before you. Pray for the strength and courage to go where you are being called. Ask God to be revealed to you when you are in the midst of change, at the point when you might be discouraged.

If you are using this study for a group, go in a circle and pray for the person beside you.

This year, our CPC community is focusing on knowing Jesus through the writings of Luke. We've developed this devotional tool to help you or your small group take the message beyond the weekend and into life. We offer three sections to help you engage with the text:

- 1. Read.** Be still and read the text. Listen for words and phrases that you resist and words that reassure you.
- 2. Reflect.** Let these questions and suggestions guide you as you engage with the reading a second time.
- 3. Live.** We believe that God primarily uses relationships, experiences, and spiritual practices in our lives to make us more like Jesus. Here we offer suggestions for you to apply what you've read in this passage.