A Dream for the Next Generation

God’s dreams are bigger than us, and they are meant to outlive us.

ICEBREAKER

What is something an older person taught you that you still use today?

OVERVIEW

God called Abraham to begin a journey, Moses to lead His people, and Joshua to lead the next generation forward. Their stories remind us that faith is not only about what God does in our lifetime. It is also about the people we prepare to follow Him after us.

1. Dream Beyond Your Generation

Read: Genesis 12:1–3; Exodus 3:7–10; Joshua 1:1–3

Abraham received a promise, Moses helped carry it forward, and Joshua led a new generation into the land. God’s work continued beyond any one person’s lifetime.

LOOK AT IT

• What role did each person play in God’s unfolding promise?

• What does Joshua 1 reveal about the continuation of God’s work after Moses?

EXPLORE IT

• Why is it tempting to measure a meaningful life only by what we personally accomplish?

• How might our decisions change if we thought more about those coming after us?

GO DO IT

• What is one way you could help create a stronger spiritual future for someone younger than you?

2. Bring the Next Generation Close

Read: Exodus 24:12–13; Numbers 14:6–9; Numbers 27:18–23

Moses did more than give Joshua instructions. He brought him along, modeled trust in God, and eventually commissioned him to lead. The next generation needs

to see faith lived, not just hear faith explained.

LOOK AT IT

• What do you notice about Joshua's proximity to Moses in Exodus 24?

• How does Joshua's confidence in God stand out in Numbers 14?

EXPLORE IT

• What is the difference between telling someone about faith and letting them see how you live it?

• Why can it be easier to do something ourselves than to take the time to involve a younger person?

GO DO IT

• Who could you intentionally encourage, mentor, invite alongside you, or pray with this month?

3. Take the Next Step with Courage

Read: Joshua 1:6–9; Joshua 3:14–17

Joshua was called to move forward even though the road ahead was intimidating. At the flooded Jordan, the priests stepped toward the water before the way opened. Courage is obedience in the presence of fear.

LOOK AT IT

• What does God repeatedly tell Joshua in Joshua 1, and what reason does He give?

• When do the waters stop in the Jordan crossing story?

EXPLORE IT

• What fears keep us from taking steps that could bless the next generation?

• Why do we sometimes wait for certainty before doing what we already believe God is asking?

GO DO IT

• What practical step could you take now to invest in the faith of a child, student, young adult, or future leader?

NOW WHAT?

REMEMBER: Who invested in my faith, and what did they pass on?

INVEST: Who is one person in the next generation I can intentionally encourage?

MOVE: What step of faith am I postponing?

GROUP PRAYER

Thank God for people who helped you know and trust Him. Pray for children, students, young adults, and future leaders. Ask for a generous heart, a visible faith, and courage to take the next step.

ON YOUR OWN

- Day 1: Genesis 12:1–3 — Consider a promise larger than one lifetime.
- Day 2: Exodus 24:12–13 — Notice whom Moses brings with him.
- Day 3: Numbers 14:6–9 — Reflect on Joshua and Caleb’s confidence in God.
- Day 4: Joshua 3:14–17 — Notice how obedience precedes the crossing.