

NOTES

“A” IS FOR APPLICATION

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Introduction

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A

1. Fit _____

•Grief

• _____

•Challenge

• _____

2. Prompt _____

3. _____ Blessing

4. Require _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. What would you like to learn to do? Have you ever used a YouTube tutorial to learn how to do something? Why or why not?
2. COMMA is like a YouTube tutorial that will help you get the most out of the Bible. What does each letter of this acronym stand for, and what does each step mean?
3. What are two ways to learn about the historical context of a book of the Bible? Why is context important? When making observations as you read a passage, what should you look for—and why?
4. Turn to the Introduction to the Book of Joshua in an NIV Study Bible and read just the three paragraphs under the subheading: The Life of Joshua. Summarize 4 or 5 things you learn about him. Now read Joshua 1:1, 2. Describe how Joshua must have been feeling in these circumstances.
5. Read Joshua 1:5-9. What does God say in these verses that would apply to Joshua's circumstances? What are two difficult or challenging circumstances that you currently face? How might keeping in mind that God wants to speak into these circumstances impact how you read the Bible? (Extra credit: Describe a recent occasion when what you read in God's Word addressed a specific concern of yours.)
6. What does God say to Joshua about obedience in 1:7, 8 (multiple answers)? What do you learn about God's laws/commands in the following verses: Psalm 19:7; 119:70; Jeremiah 31:33; John 15:14? How would you explain the difference between a healthy and an unhealthy approach to keeping God's "rules" (i.e. laws/commands)?
7. Why is the "A" in COMMA a necessary step for the person who wants to obey (not merely learn) God's Word? (Another way to ask the question: Why does stopping the C-O-M-M-A process after the first "M" not lead to obedience?)
8. Reread Joshua 1:7, 8. What motivation does God provide in these verses for putting his Word into practice? Give some examples of what biblical "success" might look like.
9. What does the word "meditate" mean in v.8? How does this form a critical link between steps 3 and 5 of COMMA? What two questions does the sermon recommend that we ask the Holy Spirit when meditating on a passage of Scripture? Explain.
10. Which step of the COMMA process do you find most difficult? Why? What did you learn about the Application step from this sermon that will help you?