

Sermon Study Guide – June 7th, 2020

Today's Focus: "Preparing for the next Pandemic — the 1st Rule"

1) Introductory thoughts to today's message...

- ◆ Today we start a new series to “debrief” coming out of COVID-19, and prepare for anything similar we may face in the future...
- ◆ What have you learned in the last few months? How would you “prepare” for something like this again? How would God have you answer that question? What “rule” would he start with?

2) Today's Message: Joshua 1:1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: ² “Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. ³ I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. ⁴ Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. ⁵ No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

⁷ “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



Answer the following questions to help you follow the sermon...

1. Why did Joshua's Israelites panic in the face a crisis?
2. In what ways did Joshua's Israelites fail to follow the first commandment, "*You shall have no other gods*"?
3. In what ways have our fellow Americans failed to follow the first commandment, "*You shall have no other gods*"?
4. In what ways have we failed to follow the first commandment, "*You shall have no other gods*"?
5. Yet, how will following the first commandment help us deal with a pandemic, or any other crises we face?
6. If we are following the first commandment, what does that mean for how we listen to or obey God's Word?
7. How can we avoid being "enslaved" like the world has been in the past few months?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:

Monday: review Matt. 28:16-20, 1 Tim. 1:15-17,2:1-6 **Thursday:** Exodus 12-14

Tuesday: John 1:1-34

Friday: Numbers 13-14

Wednesday: Matthew 22:34-46

Saturday: read/review Joshua 1