

Women's Bible Study
Discussion Questions

Joshua 18-20

1. Where do the events of this story take place (v. 1) and what do the Israelites do there? Why is it necessary for Joshua to instruct the Israelites? Why do you think the Israelites are slow to divide the land they have conquered? (Read Deuteronomy 7:22-26, 20:16-18 for background.)
2. After skimming Joshua 18:11-19:51, why do you think detailed land allotments are included here? What does that reveal about God's character?
3. Consider how you respond to God's promises. Do you respond like (a) Caleb, (with wholehearted faith and obedience); (b) the people of Joseph (with complaints and lack-luster faith); or (c) the seven tribes (with delays and procrastination)? Share an example from your life with your small group.
4. What inheritance does Joshua receive and when does he receive it in relation to the rest of Israel? Why do you think that Joshua receives his inheritance when he does?
5. Joshua 20:1-9 describe the Lord's designating six cities of refuge (see Exodus 21:12-14 and Numbers 35:6-34 for background). What does God's command to establish such cities demonstrate about His character? In what ways do the cities of refuge signify that God's law is concerned with heart motives as well as external behavior.