Study notes for Joshua Ch. 24. – Whom will you serve?

**Welcome:**

How would you like to be remembered after you die?

What message would you like to pass on to people at the end of your life?

**Worship**- I think this fits best at the end of the study so see below

**Word** – Read Joshua Ch. 24: 1-27

1.Why did Joshua call the people together at Shechem? See Genesis 12:6, Genesis 33:18-20, Joshua 24:32-33.

2. Looking at verses 1-13, what do they tell you about God? (Sovereign, Gracious). What do these 2 characteristics of God mean to you? How are they connected?

3. v14-15. What does it mean to serve God “with all faithfulness” or “wholeheartedly”?

Few of us probably worship other gods in the sense the Joshua means here, but what gods can we worship in our 21st century context? How do you know if you are worshipping these gods? What are the signs or symptoms that you are putting other things alongside or even before God?

4. Serving the Lord is a daily choice – can you give examples from your life of some of the daily choices you face? Or examples of situations where you have had to make that choice?

5. What can help us to stay faithful to serving God on a daily basis?

6. v 16-27. Why does Joshua challenge the people’s response? What evidence has Joshua had even in his life time that the people don’t serve God with all faithfulness? (golden calf, refusal to believe the spies, events at Ai, Gibeonite deception etc..)

7. What 2 actions does Joshua take to help the people remember (v25-27). What might be the modern day equivalent of these actions?

8. To what extent are you aware of a battle within yourself when it comes to serving God wholeheartedly? Read Romans 7: 17-25.

9. How does the fact that we are Christians in a New Testament context address this conflict within?

Worship

Spend time praising God that He sent Jesus to rescue us from our struggle with sin and to give us his Spirit to strengthen us.

A couple of song suggestions:

You were the word at the beginning:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQWFzMvCfLE>

Who breaks the power (Amazing grace): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgsbaBIaoVc>

**Prayer**

For the daily battles each one faces

For NMBC as we move into a time of transition

For Christians around the world who face persecution as they seek to serve God wholeheartedly