



# LifeGroup Discussion Questions

## Courageous Leadership | September 17, 2023

### Summary

Pastor Dale shared his journey of following God's call throughout his life, highlighting his initial call, faith, courage, challenges, wilderness experiences, mentors and passing the baton of leadership, emphasizing the importance of responding to God's call and fulfilling His mission. He announced his upcoming retirement as a senior pastor and his new role as the pastor of Kingdom Initiatives, serving on behalf of Wooddale for The Timothy Initiative. He also introduced Pastor Kyle Robinson as the recommended candidate for the next senior pastor of Wooddale Church.

### Scripture

After the death of Moses the LORD's servant, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said, "Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you — from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.' No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you. "Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command — be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." -Joshua 1:1-9 (NLT)

### Let's Start

Have you had mentors who have influenced your faith and leadership? Explain.

### Gratitude and Prayer

How has God worked in your life since the last time we were together?

## Let's Talk

- 1. Have you ever experienced a "God Moment" or a clear call from God? If so, how did you respond to it?
  
- 2. Pastor Dale talked about the pattern of courage, faith, challenges and wilderness experiences in following God's call. Can you identify moments in your life when you've encountered these elements in your faith journey?
  
- 3. Pastor Dale talked about the idea of passing the baton of leadership to the next generation. How can churches effectively transition leadership while maintaining unity and respect for different generations?
  
- 4. How can you personally respond to God's call and partner with Him in His mission, whether it's within your local community or globally?
  
- 5. Pastor Dale mentioned the importance of using resources (time, talent and treasure) in ministry. In what ways can you contribute to the mission of your church and the spread of the gospel?

## Let's Act

Pastor Kyle has been recommended for the senior pastor position at Wooddale. How can you participate in the discernment and transition process?

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