19 January 2025 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group "Christian Basics: Knowing God's Word" Joshua 1:1-9

Questions to Answer from the Text:

- 1. What important person who had been leading Israel had died (v. 1a)?
- 2. Whom did God choose to lead Israel after the death of this person (v. 1b)?
- 3. What did God want Joshua to do (v. 2)?
- 4. How much land did God give to the nation of Israel to possess (v. 4)?
- 5. What did God promise Joshua as he led the people (v. 5)?
- 6. What did God first charge Joshua to be (vv. 6-7)?
- 7. What did God require Joshua to observe (v. 7b)?
- 8. To do this, what did God command Joshua to do (v. 8a)?
- 9. If Joshua would do this, what did God promise him (v. 8b)?
- 10. What did God warn Joshua against becoming? Why? (v. 9)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- 11. How often during the day do you think upon Scripture?
- 12. What portion of Scripture have you been reading and thinking about lately?
- 13. Have you encountered any difficult questions or puzzling matters as you have been reading and thinking about Scripture? If so, what are they?
- 14. What is the concept of a "Quiet Time?" What do you think about this practice?
- 15. What is unique about God's charge to Joshua? What is not unique about God's charge to Joshua?

- **16.** Do you have a plan for reading the Scripture? If so, what is it? [For sample reading plans, see https://www.ligonier.org/posts/bible-reading-plans.]
- 17. What particular time of day is best suited for you to read Scripture?
- 18. What have been some hard or difficult parts of Scripture that you have read?
- 19. Can you summarize what the central message of the Bible is? If so, what would you say in the main point of the message of the Bible?
- 20. What people might you contact to seek answers for questions you encounter about a particular text of Scripture?
- 21. What resources can you think of that would help you better understand Scripture?
- 22. Is it important or helpful to keep reading the Bible through after you have done it once? Why or why not?