

What do you like to do after completing a long and difficult task? Celebrate? Relax? Be with others? Be alone?

Read Joshua chapter 22. In verses 1-9, what compliments does Joshua give to the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh? How were these tribes different from the others? What challenges does he give? Overall, what is Joshua's tone in this segment of the passage?

As the eastern tribes returned to their homeland, a grave "misunderstanding" unfolds between them and the people of Israel over an altar that was built at the entrance to the land of Canaan.

What is at the heart of this misunderstanding surrounding the altar? Why is the construction of this new altar such a big deal to the other tribes? What was the concern or fear of the other tribes?

When the eastern tribes were confronted about the altar, how did they respond? What was the purpose of the altar?

In the last verse of chapter 22, the eastern tribes named the altar, "Witness," because it is "a witness between us that the Lord is God." In light of their firsthand experience of God's provision and presence, why is such an altar necessary to bear witness?

Had the people of Israel not given the eastern tribes an opportunity to clarify the altar's purpose they would have gone into war over a tragic misunderstanding. When you hear news or gossip about someone, how can you avoid assuming the worst and allowing that rumor to shape your belief or perception of that person?

We have a saying at Fellowship that "truth travels best the road of relationship." The idea is that when issues arise, we are to trust one another when someone expresses a concern or when we need to confront them because we first have a friendship through Christ. What can be learned from Joshua 22 about handling concerns the right way? How do you determine when to approach someone with a concern and when to let the issue go?

While this passage is primarily describing Israel's response to God's action and provision, what does this passage teach us about God?

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Community Kids' Closet (CKC) helps provide new clothes and shoes to the underprivileged school children of Northwest Arkansas.

CKC works with school staff to identify specific clothing needs for specific school children. This allows us to directly impact the child's life by providing these basic necessities and boosting their self-esteem with the gift of new clothes.

This year we will be offering gift envelopes in the Foyer for you to give financially to CKC so teachers can buy gift cards and provide clothing and shoes for kids. Watch for the envelopes coming soon.

JOSHUA: Overview

An overview of the book of Joshua along with details about the Fellowship teaching series is available [online](#).

PRAY

Pray for global workers, Tanner and Amber, that they would continue to have spiritual conversations with their neighbor.

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