Joshua 10-21 "Inheritances Allotted" (2/25/2024)

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ (This lesson covers Joshua 10-21. At a minimum, please read Joshua 18:1-10; 20:1-3 and 21:43-45 plus the passages listed in the questions below)

1. What does Genesis 12:6-7 and Galatians 3:17-18 reveal about the source of Israel's inheritance?

2. Read Joshua 10:8-10,14; 11:23; 13:6; 21:43-45. Describe from these verses how God insured that the inheritance was in fact obtained and allotted. In what ways do you find encouragement from this knowledge?

3. "So Joshua said to the people of Israel, 'How long will you put off going in to take possession of the land, which the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you?" Discuss how the people took action to accept their allotted inheritance of the land (18:1-10). What applicable lessons do you identify?

4. Explain how Israel's tangible inheritance in Canaan foreshadows our own inheritance as believers (Isaiah 65:17; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1-5). How should our lives reflect that we are anticipating our inheritance from the Lord?

5. Cities of refuge were established to protect those who killed a fellow Israelite by mistake or inadvertently from a relative seeking revenge. The Lord instructed Joshua to set up cities of refuge to provide safety and deliverance throughout the land (Joshua 20:1-3).

Discuss how our homes and church can be a place of refuge to others?

6. How do these cities suggest God's provision of refuge for us (Hebrews 6:17-20)? Have you fled to Jesus for refuge? Is there someone you know who has not fled to Jesus to whom you could reach out?