



Possessing the Promise

Focus God invites us to “go in and possess” His promises for our lives. To do so requires that we change the way we live and what we choose to believe.

Open What is the most adventurous thing you’ve ever done while vacationing (skiing, camping, scuba diving, parasailing, etc.)? How did it go?

Read The children of Israel were delivered from slavery in Egypt so they could go in and possess Canaan—the Promised Land. The generation that was brought out of Egypt died, and a new generation who had never known slavery was born in the wilderness. God required some changes from the new generation before they could enter the Promised Land.

Like the Children of Israel, God has brought us out of bondage (a life of sin) so we can “go in and possess” our promised land (our destiny in Him). Before we “go in and possess,” we must first be willing to “cut away” weights and sins from our lives (Hebrews 12:1), stop looking back and embrace God’s new ways of doing things, and see beyond the natural facts of our circumstances into the supernatural.

The Bible tells us in 2 Corinthians 1:20 that *“all God’s promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding “Yes!”* Jesus has already provided all we need for us to journey into our promised lands, but like the children of Israel, we must “go in” in the way He prescribes.

Talk

1. God didn’t allow the new generation of Israelites to possess the Promised Land based on the price paid by the former generation. In what way(s) can we be tempted to rest on the price paid by others (i.e., the faith of our parents)? Why does He require each of us to pay our own price?

2. Read Hebrews 12:1. What are some examples of “weights” that can slow or stop us from possessing God’s promises? How are weights different than sins?
3. How can we keep from becoming attached to a particular style or method of “doing church”? How could this block us from seeing how God is working in our lives or our church in new ways?
4. Why can’t we “possess the land” until we look beyond the facts of our circumstances and trust in the promises of God?

Live

1. Ask the Lord to show you any “weights” or sins that are hindering you from moving forward in Him. Are there any ways that you are “stuck in a moment” (particular styles or experiences of the past) that you need to release in order to be able to see the new ways He is moving in your life or the life of your church? Write these down or share them with a partner.

Pray

Ask the Lord to show you how to move forward in Him; ask for one or two specific steps you can take this week. If there was any sin in your life that was brought to your attention today, repent and ask the Lord to cleanse your heart. Thank Him that the fulfillment of all His promises is made complete in Jesus.