

ALL IN OWNERSHIP – LIFE Group Study Guide

Power for the People

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This week, each location had their campus pastors provide the message on the last in the series "All In Ownership" . Today at Pt Loma, Pastor Marcus talked about Joshua in the Old Testament and the POWER of God's presence and the POWER of prayer. Pastor Marcus first shared about once being in the presence of a well known football player, and then he related a personal experience with his teen age son who had a miraculous healing with his knee after much prayer and ministering of hands. When Joshua led the Jewish people into the Promised Land, they encountered the fortified city of Jericho. Joshua first had an encounter with God's presence, and then he led the people in prayer. What followed was a miraculous takeover of the city.

The enemy wants us to stay in the desert of pain, despair, frustration and rivalries with others - especially with family members. We need POWER to move forward in God's will and plan for our lives. There is POWER in God's presence; there is POWER with God's prayer.

Opening Discussion: Share who is the most well known person you have met. What did it feel like to be in their presence compared to less well known people? What is it like to feel the presence of God?

Opening Questions:

1. Pastor Marcus brought out his son who injured his knee before the start of this year's high school football season. It should have required surgery, but they prayed over him and laid hands on the injured knee. God performed a miracle, and healed it! Have any of you seen a miracle in person?

2. **READ 1 Peter 5:6-9.** What does a lion do as it stalks and walks near a herd of potential victims to devour? What do these verses say about taking action in today's world against the enemy? **Leader Note:** The enemy spends much time studying us... How much time do we spend studying God's Word - which is the ultimate playbook to battle the devil?

Compare how our adversary the devil spends time against us compared to how much time we spend studying and preparing against the devil.

3. **READ Eph 6:12** Who (someone of flesh and blood) have you been tricked or deceived into fighting against and not loving instead of fighting against the powers and rulers of darkness?

4. **Going Deeper: Get into groups of 2 or 3. Refer to 1 Peter 5:6-9.** What can you do to be more vigilant against being devoured or attacked by the roaring lion the devil? If you were the devil, what do you see as your own vulnerabilities? Pray with one another to overcome those vulnerabilities.

5. **READ Josh 6 15-20.** To the people of the town, the walls of Jericho seemed strong enough to protect the residents. What 'walls' have we put up in an attempt to protect ourselves?

How do those 'walls' affect our relationship with Jesus and relationships with others?

Take it home

We have all had an encounter with someone famous or well known. Spend some quiet time reflecting on what it is like to feel God's loving presence. Have encounters with God; ask Him to guide you to avoid fighting against peoples and to armor you with POWER to battle the deceptions of the enemy.