

## Joshua 20-22 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. Using Joshua 21:43-45 what had God done for Israel (v43, 44, 45), and what did Israel still need to do? How can we apply this in our lives?

5. According to 22:1-9 who did Joshua summon (v1)? How did he commend them (v1-3) and what was their reward (v4, 6, 7-9)? What 6 things did he tell them to be careful to do (v5)?

6. Based on 22:10-16 what did the 2 1/2 tribes do first (v10)? How did Israel react when they heard about this (v11-12, 13-15) and why (v16)?

7. From 22:17-20 what 2 incidents did Israel have in mind regarding this (v17—see Num 25:1-9, and v20) and of what were they afraid (v18, 20)? What option did they offer (v19)?

8. In 22:21-25 how did the 2 1/2 tribes respond first (v22, 23) and what was their concern (v24-25)?

9. Read 22:26-29. How did they explain their actions (v26-27, 28) and how did they affirm their intentions (v29)? Was this necessary (see Deut 6:4-9, 16:16)?

10. Using 22:30-34 how did Phineas and the rest respond (v30, 31) and how did Israel receive their report (v32-33)? What name was given to the altar (v34)?

11 Review Josh 20-22. What 2 final pieces were completed (20:1-21:42) and how would you summarize the conquest (21:43-45)? Why were both of these important for Israel? What basis did these provide to help resolve the nation's first difficult "situation" (Josh 22)?

### Scripture to Remember

“Not one of the good promises which the Lord had made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass.”

**Joshua 21:45 (NASV)**

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### Life Group Questions—*Making an Impact (Proverbs 30:8-9)*

*(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Tell your group about one of the biggest projects you have ever been involved with. What difference has that made? What were some of your fears and rewards?
2. Read Proverbs 30:8-9. How does this describe some typical approaches to life (v8)? Discuss why people employ lies and deception, settle for poverty, or seek riches.
3. Based on Prov 30:9 what should be the goal of our lives? How should that affect our pursuit of material wealth?
4. Share with one another your impressions about the work that organizations like Compassion do. How does this relate to the scripture passage above?
5. What has held you back from giving to those less fortunate, whether they are in other countries or in America? What are the reasons we sometimes use? Do you think those are valid?
6. Discuss specific ways you can make an impact in your life through Compassion, or other similar organizations. Why is it important for us to do this?
7. Share or discuss anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



# WE SHALL OVERCOME

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## That's Life Joshua 20-22



**When we walk in obedience to God we will take possession of the life He wants for us.**

### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

In 1966 Frank Sinatra sang one of his greatest hits, *That's Life*. He sang of life's ups and downs, summarizing them as "that's life". This also could be said for Israel's experience at the end of the conquest of Canaan. With God's help they had accomplished great victories, but there were problems as well. In this week's study this pattern surfaced again as the conquest drew to a close. First, there were some final steps that had to be taken to complete the mission. God had told Moses to set apart six cities of refuge located throughout Israel for those who had killed someone without premeditation. This was to prevent the practice of blood vengeance, so common in ancient cultures. The killer would find refuge there until they could stand trial so that the avenger wouldn't kill

them. Another final detail was the granting of forty-eight cities dispersed among the tribal territories to the Levites since they had no inheritance of land. The Levites asked Joshua to give them these cities, which included the cities of refuge; this would allow Israel access to God's wisdom and provide a constant reminder of the reason for their national existence and preservation. Once this was done there was a fulfilling summary given in Joshua 21. The Lord had given to Israel the land He had promised; no enemy had been able to stand before them. All of His good promises had come to pass and all that remained was for Israel to fully possess the land. Unfortunately, the story didn't end on this high note. Israel had to face their first "situation". The two and

a half tribes were sent home, but built a large altar by the Jordan. All Israel, led by Phineas, was ready to go to war out of fear of God's reprisal. The incidents at Peor in Numbers 25 and with Achan in Joshua 7 were still on their minds, so they had to put a stop to this "idolatry". However, when they went to them they explained that the altar was to be a witness to their children that they were still Israelites. This answer satisfied the leaders and the nation so they went back home. In this section Israel had been up, then down, then back up again. This wasn't surprising, though, because "that's life".

## Study Questions for Joshua 20-22

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study%20questions))

<p>1. Read Joshua 20:1-9. What else did the Lord tell Joshua (v1-2)? Who was this for and what would it prevent (v3, 9)? What was the procedure (v4-6, see also Num 35:6-34)? Name the cities and location (v7, 8).</p>	
<p>2. In 21:1-3 what occurred next (v1)? What did the Levites say (v2, see also Num 35:1-5) and what was the response (v3)?</p>	
<p>3. From 21:4-42 what 4 divisions of the Levites were given cities and how many did each get (v4, 9-19; 5, 20-26; 6, 27-33; 7, 34-40)? Summarize Israel's obedience from 21:8 and 21:41.</p>	

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