

Introduction:

1. What is the farthest you ever had to move? How did you handle the move?
2. What kind of changes do you find it fairly easy to handle? What kind of change stresses you out?

Understanding:

3. Read Numbers 27:15-23. What is the call to Joshua here? How did it get passed it on? Keeping in mind that God can call in much less dramatic ways than Joshua's call, give your own example of when you know God has called you to something.
4. Read Numbers 14:6-9. Just before this, Joshua and Caleb have become upset because the people are refusing to move on. What are the folks missing out on? What is holding them back? What lesson is there for you?
5. Read Ephesians 2:10. God calls us to do things that stretch us, and bring honor to Him, and bring blessing into the lives of other people. And very often you can look back through your life, and see how God has been preparing you for your calling. What particular kind of "good work" are you being called to?
6. You may have heard these 2 opposite sayings (neither of which is in the Bible!) "Let go and let God" and "God helps those who help themselves". Based on today's teaching, what is a godly answer to both of these?
7. Does following our calling in today's lesson get God to love us more? If not, why would we follow anyway?
8. Read 2 Timothy 1:7. Remember that even if you are naturally kind of timid and fearful you will be LESS so with the Spirit. Can you think of ways that will empower you personally to love people more effectively?
9. Read Joshua 1:5. What promise did the Lord give to Joshua? When are you the MOST likely to appreciate the truth of this promise from the Lord? When do you most need an increase in your faith that the promise is true?
10. In Joshua 1:7 it says "that you may be successful wherever you go" What does "success" mean here? How is it different from the "success" in self-help best sellers?

Application:

11. Read Joshua 1:7, 8. Once more we hear of the importance of Scripture. Take Pastor Dave's suggestion. For guidance, start putting yourself in the path of God's word. Ten minutes a day—over morning coffee—read a short passage of Scripture, think about it, and ask God what he wants to show you. If you have a commute to work or school, listen to good teachers of Scripture.
12. How could you apply today's teaching to encourage a friend or family member who is feeling fearful about a step they need to take?
13. Ask yourself: "Is there a way that God may be calling me to take a step?" And maybe you're not even sure, but you'll never know if you don't step out in faith. So what would it mean for you to take that next step?