

Introduction:

Text: Joshua 23:1-11

1. **Phases** of transition
 2. **Process** of transition
 3. **Principles** of transition
- I. LOOK BACKWARD** (Joshua 23:3-4)
- a. Remember God's **character** (v. 3a)
 - b. Remember God's **conquest** (v. 3b)
 - c. Remember God's **commitment** (v. 4)

II. LOOK FORWARD (Joshua 23:5)

- a. God's **presence** (v. 5a)
- b. God's **promise** (v. 5b)

III. LOOK INWARD (Joshua 23:6-8)

- a. **Strength** through the word of God (v. 6a)
- b. **Study** the word of God (v. 6b)
- c. **Steadfast** in the word of God (v. 7-8)

IV. LOOK UPWARD (Joshua 23:11)

- a. **Fear** of God (v. 11a)
- b. **Love** of God (v. 11b)

Conclusion:

1. The following are different stages in life. What stage are you in? What are the transition challenges you currently face in this stage?

Stage 1: Foundation/Education Stage (Ages 13-25)
Stage 2: Autonomy and Tentative Choices (Ages 18-26)
Stage 3: Young Adult Transition (Ages 27-31)
Stage 4: Making Commitments (Ages 32-42)
Stage 5: Midlife Transition (Ages 42-48)
Stage 6: Leaving a Legacy (Ages 49-65)
Stage 7: Spiritual Denouement (Ages 65++)

2. Read Joshua 23:3-4. The passage gave the Israelites an instruction to remember what God has done to them in the past. How does remembering the works of God in our lives help us in making the right decisions in life?
3. Read Joshua 23:5. What are the two important assurance Joshua gave to his people? How are these factors important in facing our future?
4. Read Joshua 23:6-8. The message last Sunday shares three lenses on Bible interpretation: Scriptures, History and Culture. Why is that order important? How do we respond in a generation that interprets truth and morality through the lens of culture first?
5. Read Joshua 23:11 and Proverbs1:7. Why is the fear of God the beginning of all wisdom? How is this translated in our own lives?
6. Close the Life Group meeting by praying for one another and seek the wisdom and guidance of God in the current situation people are facing.

PRAY!