**Joshua Series**

**September 2014**

“Privilege and responsibility”

The book of Joshua is sandwiched between the first 5 books of the Bible (the “Pentateuch” or the books of Moses) and the historical books that start with Judges.

The last of the 5 books of Moses is Deuteronomy - recording Moses final ‘sermon’ before his death in which he charges the people of God to put into action God’s written commands.

Joshua is the first book in which the people of God are commanded to rely on the written Word(s) of God – whether they feel like it or not – and through doing so, bless the whole world.

**Outline of series:**

Part 1 September 14th

Joshua the person: Who was Joshua, what experiences shaped his call?

Part 2 September 21st

Privilege and responsibility - promises and commands, blessings and obligations (Joshua 1)

Entering into the land of promise. The place of obedience

Part 3 October 5th

Holiness. Ai - A warning for a whole congregation (Joshua 7 & 8)

Part 4 October 12th

Self reliance. Gibeonites - A warning to leaders (Joshua 9)

Part 5 October 19th

Handing on the baton. Renewed covenant.

**Part 2**

Some study notes:

What is ‘our inheritance’ the ‘promised land’ for us in the 21st Century?

Psalm 105; 42-45 (Note the ‘why’)

Luke 1; 68-75

Galatians 3; 13-14 and 26-29

Acts 2; 38-40

2 Peter 1; 3-4

1 John 2; 25

Who or what are our enemies?

e.g. Parable of the sower (Mark 4) and Ephesians 3; 1-3 (The world, the flesh and the devil?)

What do these look like for us personally?

Reflect on Joshua chapters 1 to 4

How might this story speak of Jesus opening the way for us to live in the promises of God?

Why is the cross and resurrection so important? (1 Corinthians 15)

What does this mean for those that do not have hope – in this life, or beyond?

What responsibility do we have?

In the light of this, what will you do over the next 2 weeks that is different?

* Tell someone – and agree to be accountable to each other