

ACTs Questions  
**Rehearsing the Relationship to GoBIG (Jos. 24:1-13)**  
Week of Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 2010

## LOOKING BACK

1. Any questions, decisions or changes brought about by God's Word (anything you are willing to share?), things that became more clear to you, more perplexing?

In the Scriptures the use of "remembering" is always assuming the promoting or provoking of an action, a response – so what's the action, the response from remembering the great works of God?

2. Take some time to share a memory of something God did for you or your family that forms an anchor to your faith.

## DIGGING DEEPER

3. Why is a regular (weekly) celebration gathering (church) so important? What strategies do you have for yourself and family to prioritize regular community worship times?

4. If God is the sovereign centre of all events why should we pray? (Take special notice of 24:7, 8, 9)

5. "God is the promise-keeper to those who are the path-keepers." Explain.

6. Does God seem to treat his children differently than you treat yours? In what ways? Share how you have experienced the difference between God's ways and your ways. How should this reality shape your thinking especially in desperate times, and your actions?

Taking it home:

7. If you believe that nothing is impossible for God, what are you afraid to tackle that you know God wants?

Optional if time permits:

8. Too many Christians are satisfied with "deliverance" and ignore "direction" never entering fully into the "rest" of God.

## Rehearsing the Relationship to GoBIG

Jos.24:1-13

*WHAT IN THE REALITIES OF RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD GIVE SHAPE TO OUR DAILY LIVES?*

Knowing who and what you have is key to knowing what to do and how to live.

### 5 Realities of our Relationship with God (24:1-13)

- 1) God is the centre of all events

What does Jesus want vs. what do we need/want.  
*SO...the birthplace of all events from the human side is **prayer** (v7)*

- 2) God is the promise-keeper (cf. 3,4)

Promises fulfilled in the past guarantee our hope for the future  
*SO...if we are "**path-keepers**", we always have hope*

- 3) God is the sovereign control over people, politics and powers (3f)

God's deliverance was/is always for the purpose of progressing God's direction.  
*SO... do not get stranded or satisfied with deliverance alone; pursue present **direction**.*

- 4) God's ways are different from our ways (12,13)

Moments of historical desperation did not mean God had forgotten or forsaken his people. (6,7)  
*SO...rather than personal striving or manipulation during times of darkness, submit to **dependency**.*

- 5) With God the impossible isn't! (11-13)

The story of the LORD is always told from the top of the victory podium.  
*SO... to keep your saving faith from becoming "stand-still faith", **stop being afraid** to tackle what you know God wants!*

*...the LORD'S victories call you to **follow** Jehovah God and not the gods of others.*

What are you afraid to tackle that you know God wants?

GoBIG people have ~~good~~ memories.  
**GOD**