

# How to use the Tent Experience

We learn more about God as we interact with those around us, in part, because their personal experiences produce a deeper expression of who God is and how He works intricately in and through us. That's why we are asking everyone to choose a "tent," a group of people to journey together through the Joshua 24 Experience.

You can define your tent in a number of different ways. Whether you choose your family, your small group, choose to start a new small group, invite a few neighbors, invite co-workers to meet together, join a new mid-size group at the church, form an online gathering, or connect with other students, the purpose is for all of us to experience Joshua 24 with others.

We encourage you to gather weekly with your tent. The following tent experience will help you dive deeper into each week's theme, spend time in the Word of God, support and pray for each other, and inspire you to live out each theme. We ask you to commit and participate with your tent for the next six weeks.

This guide is designed to follow the four main values of small group life at Eastview. We call them the "4G's." Each week you will journey through the 4G's in the following ways:

- **Gather** (your tent getting to know each other): Whether your tent has been together for years or you just met each other, this section will help each person "warm up" to the discussion and you will learn something new from each member along the way.
- **Grow** (your tent growing as Christ-followers): One of the main goals for the Joshua 24 Experience is for everyone to grow in their walk with Jesus. This section helps your tent move through each week's scriptural and thematic content. *The goal is not to get through every question*, but to use the various parts to get a deeper understanding of God and how Scripture is shaping our lives and experiences today. Use discretion as your work through this section.
  - **Your Covenant Story**: Each week you will be prompted to capture specific thoughts about your life that will culminate in an overview of your story and journey with Jesus.
- **Give** (your tent serving each other): This section will provide you with a weekly spiritual discipline your tent can experience together. Each discipline is connected to the theme and provides a chance for your tent to put in to practice the scriptural truths you learned in the Grow section. Be sure to provide enough to time for your tent to go through this section.
- **Go** (your tent on mission): It's not enough to learn about each other, the Word, and to serve, we are also called to influence the world around us through the lives we live. This final section will provide easy ways for each tent member to activate their Joshua 24 experience and impact their everyday community. Be sure to highlight this section and even refer back to it when you begin the next week's gathering.

If you choose to commit and participate, we are confident that you and your tent will have some amazing experiences over the next six weeks. In the words of Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

- Jason Sniff, on behalf of the entire Small Groups Team