



GroveGROUPS Sermon Guide

“Be a Lion-Chaser” ~ Bill Clark ~ August 14, 2022

OVERVIEW

Lion chasing is probably not something you hear about in your day to day life very often but buried deep in the Old Testament is the story of Benaiah, a true lion chasing warrior. His courageous pursuit will give us an example to learn from as we chase the opportunities and obstacles we face in our own lives.

ICEBREAKER - (*This question was taken from Mark Batterson's book, In a Pit With a Lion on a Snowy Day.*)

Have you ever had one of those moments where you do something crazy and ask yourself in retrospect: “What was I thinking?”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Would you consider yourself a risk taker? However you answer that question, does taking risks or choosing not to affect how you respond to new opportunities positively or negatively? Explain your answer.
2. **READ** 2 Samuel 23:20-23.
3. Even though we're only given a few verses about Benaiah we learn a lot about his character and personality. Describe the kind of man he could have been based on how David describes him in the verses above.
4. Benaiah's example shows us that to chase down the greatest opportunities in life we have to sometimes run toward that opportunity right through our fear of the unknown or the outcome. Does the thought of jumping into the unknown terrify you or excite you?
5. **READ** Deuteronomy 31: 7-8. What does Moses tell Joshua that God will do for him as he takes over leading the Israelites into the promised land? Does the promise written in verse 8 give you any tools or resources to face your own “unknowns” or “lions?”
6. What is a “lion” you're facing or chasing right now? Is it a situation where outcomes are unknown? Is it a new opportunity that seems too big to chase? Whatever your lion is, you are not alone in facing it. Let your group pray for you to have the courage to chase that lion this week.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“As I look back on my own life, I recognize this simple truth: The greatest opportunities were the scariest lions. Part of me has wanted to play it safe, but I've learned that taking no risks is the greatest risk of all.”

From Mark Batterson's book In a Pit With a Lion on a Snowy Day.

EXTRA CREDIT

MONDAY/TUESDAY

Are you chasing a lion this week and need a little courage? READ Isaiah 41:10, 2 Timothy 1:7 and Psalm 27:1 and know that you are not alone in the battle you face.

WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY-

Are you facing something this week and need strength? READ 2 Corinthians 12:9, Psalm 46:1 and Ephesians 3:16 and remember that with HIM you can face anything.

FRIDAY/SATURDAY

Is there a situation that has you overwhelmed? READ Philippians 4: 6-7, 1 Peter 5:7 and 2 Thessalonians 3:16 and be encouraged today that He loves you, is for you and can give you peace in any situation you face.

NEXT STEPS

Want to read the book that was referred to in the sermon this week? You can find it on Amazon or read a chapter for free by visiting www.markbatterson.com or listen to the audio version for free on Hoopla.