

Getting started: When finishing up a major household project or work assignment, what additional things are often necessary before moving on to the next project?

Read 18:1-10**Surveying More of the Land**

1. Where did Joshua and the children of Israel assemble? What was special/unique about this place? (v. 1) What effect would assembling here have had upon the people? (c.f. 19:51)
2. How many tribes had not yet received their inheritance? What did Joshua ask the remaining tribes do to facilitate the division of the land? (vv. 2-4) Name the tribes that were not included in this distribution of land. (vv. 5-7)
3. What instructions did Joshua give to those surveying the land? What would Joshua do next after the men returned? What did the men record in the book? (vv. 8-10)

Read 19:49-51**Finalizing the Division**

4. When the division of the land was complete what additional land provision was made? (v. 49) What territory was assigned to Joshua? (v. 50).

Read 20:1-9**Cities of Refuge**

5. Who instructed Israel to make cities of refuge? What was the stated purpose of these cities? (vv. 1-3, 9)
6. What was the procedure for a slayer who fled to one of these cities for refuge? (v. 4) What present-day entity is the city or the city elders acting like? (v. 6) If protected, how long must the slayer remain inside that city?
7. What might the city have done if the slayer was not innocent of blood? Who is the avenger of blood? (vv. 4-5, 9)
8. Name the six cities of refuge. (vv. 7-8) How would their placement and/or availability act as deterrence to crime? (hint: You may want to find several on a Bible map.)

Going Deeper

In our text, Israel took time after the division of the land to leave an inheritance for Joshua, its commander and chief (19:49-50) and also for Caleb, Joshua's companion, who had brought back a good report (15:13). What might these allotments teach us about how to honor our leaders for their service? (c.f. Heb. 13:7) And how might we honor God with our inheritance after are time on earth is through?