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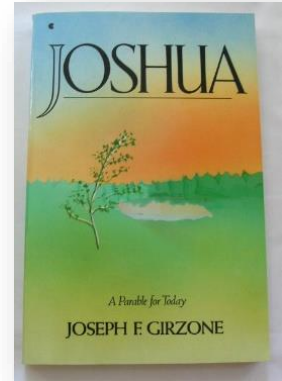
Joshua - A Parable for Today by Fr. Joseph Girzone

Facilitator Preparation: In addition to reading the book, here is some background about Fr. Girzone:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blFV9B2M1VW>

<http://www.christianbook.com/html/authors/2221.html>

Program Set Up: Suggested centerpiece is wood work, tools, or children's block as a hint of Joshua's work and an image of Our Lady of Good Counsel as the patron of MCCW.



Program Format (60-90 minutes)

Hospitality and fellowship (10 min): Given the timing of your book club, consider incorporating potluck breakfast, refreshments, coffee/tea, and prayer requests.

Icebreaker (10 min): If the group is new, pose an open-ended icebreaker question that aims at welcoming the stranger, which is a theme of this book. As a suggestion, "When was a time that you were welcomed as a stranger to a community? How did the extend hospitality to you?"

Opening Prayer

Discussion Questions (40-60 min)

1. What are some overarching themes within the book?
2. What parts of the book do you think the church might find "controversial?"
3. Did you like the book? Why or why not?
4. Do you think the book successfully portrays Jesus' journey in today's time-frame?
5. How different do you think we are today versus then?
6. What acts or events did you see in the book mirror stories from the Gospel?
7. Who do you think the audience is for this book and what do you think of the writing style?
8. Did you struggle with any concepts or ideas in this book? If so, what portions did you struggle with?

Announcements

Closing Prayer