

**Joshua: A Time For Action  
How To Handle a Misunderstanding  
Joshua 22:1-34 (page 164)**

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**Realize that change can bring**

**misunderstanding (22:1-8)**

- It can cause us to forget about God (v 5)
- It can make us feel isolated from others (vs 4,6)

**Be cautious of rumors (22:9-12)**

The altar:

- To the *eastern* tribes = a symbol of unity
- To the *western* tribes = a symbol of rebellion

**Be willing to discuss the issue (22:13-20)**

- Confront the issue (v 16; Matt 18:15)
- Consider the consequences  
(vs 17-18, 20; Num 25; Josh 7; 1 Cor 5:6)
- Provide an alternative course of action (v 19)

**Give others the opportunity to explain (22:21-29)**

The explanation:

- It was for the benefit of future generations (vs 24-28)
- To maintain unity (v 29)

**Aim for resolution (22:30-34)**

The result:

- Reconciliation and
- Unity