

Joshua Generation

Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. Are there any cities that you find particularly interesting, meaningful, or beautiful? Explain.
2. How difficult would it be for you to go an entire week without speaking?

Read the following passage: Joshua 5:13 - 6:5.

The defeat of Jericho did not ultimately depend on the *strength* of Israel's army, it depended upon their *obedience*. Success in God's kingdom does not depend primarily upon our circumstances, natural talents, or relational savvy. God gives victory to those who are faithful to him.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. What can we learn from Joshua's encounter with the commander of the Lord's army? Do you think God and other spiritual beings play a significant role in the events that impact your life? Explain.
2. For the Israelites, Jericho seemed nearly impossible to defeat. If God was not with the Israelites, they would be unsuccessful. Do you have any challenges in your life that are overwhelming you? Explain. How would you like to see God move on your behalf?
3. Read Hebrews 11:29-31. Moses, Joshua, the Israelites, and Rahab all needed faith to walk in God's purpose for their lives. What are some specific areas of your life in which you need to choose to trust God? What does trusting God practically look like in these areas?
4. God gave Joshua a plan for conquering Jericho that took seven days to fulfill. From our perspective, we might think that the first six days of the plan were unnecessary. What should we do when it feels like God is moving slowly, or that the things we are experiencing are a waste of time or resources? How can we tell when we're the reason things are going slowly?
5. On several occasions in the first few chapters of Joshua, speaking or not speaking was a very critical issue (e.g. Joshua 1:8; 2:20; 6:10). What are some ways the words we speak impact our lives? Are there any ways you need to change how or what you say?

Pray