



JOSHUA CHAPTER 6 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- Are you a person who likes group projects? Why or why not?

Opening Prayer

- Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

Read the Story (Joshua 6:1-27)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Joshua 6:1-7

- While Jericho wasn't a large city, it was a city that was incredibly fortified and that from a war standpoint was going to be Israel's "toughest obstacle/opponent" to defeat. While God has prepared and equipped Israel with all they need, He certainly isn't easing them into claiming His promises. Why do you think God begins in this way?

- God had given the nation of Israel all these profound reference points even before Jericho to let them know that He was with them and that it would be by His power and ability that victory would come. Jericho was going to be another huge and tremendous reference point to further communicate that they could do what He was asking of them and that He would indeed be faithful to His promises.

- What reference points has God given you to let you know that He is always going to come through for you, even if it's in ways that you didn't necessarily expect or desire? How do you use these reference points?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.
- Pay special attention to verse 4 because priests usually did not accompany with the Ark of the Covenant into battle. Why would God desire that the priests now be a part of the battle?
 - More than any military strategy or plan, Israel's eyes and hearts needed to stay focused on the Lord and His plan and the priests were representatives of this reality.
 - In what ways do you need to set your sights on the Lord and His plans rather than the problems and obstacles that surround you?
- Put yourself in the shoes of the Israelites. If you heard these types of instructions from the Lord about engaging in battle, what would be running through your mind?
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Joshua 6:8-14

- Consider some of the following that would have been happening during the six days of Israel marching around the walls of the city of Jericho.
 - Israel would have constantly been reminded of what at times may have seemed like an "impossible" task in bringing down the walls of Jericho. Those walls would have been sobering.
 - What situations are you currently facing in which the "walls" and "barriers" seem insurmountable?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
 - Israel was in an extremely compromising position because they could have easily been attacked by the people of Jericho, especially considering the high walls.

- Israel was probably wondering at some point if marching around the wall for multiple days was logical and reasonable.
 - What is something that God has done in your life that at the time as you look back, you had no clue what He was doing?
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- Israel wasn't granted victory on the first day, the second day, the third day, etc. They had to wait for God's perfect timing.
 - What are you currently waiting on God to do, trusting that He will do it?
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- Jericho was probably wondering what in the world the Israelites were doing marching around the wall rather than engaging them in battle.
 - In what situations is it most difficult for you to trust in God? What do you do in these situations?
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Joshua 6:15-27

- Notice that claiming God's victory for the nation of Israel included a continual renouncing of things that would distract them from the Lord (verse 18) and a sacrificing/offering of things that belonged to the Lord. (verse 19)
 - What do you personally need to continue to give up because it is simply a distraction to you serving and honoring God? What do you need to offer up to the Lord with a greater faith and obedience?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?

- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (Joshua chapter 7)

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