



JOSHUA CHAPTER 10 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- What is one of the best experiences you have ever been a part of? What made it so good?

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 10:1-43)

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

Joshua 10:1-11

- Although Adoni-Zedek and his people were alarmed because of what they witnessed Israel do to Jericho and Ai, how did they choose to respond and what did this indicate about them?
 - They chose to attack Gibeon with other nations because they understood that Gibeon was an important city and they also understood that Israel had made a peace treaty with Gibeon. Adoni-Zedek and his people believed that a battle with Israel and Gibeon was going to be one through numbers and human skill.
 - In what ways do you fall into the trap of believing that you have to fight battles on your own with your skill and talent leading the

charge rather than asking God to lead the charge in what you are facing?

- This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

□ Notice the language of verse 7 and remember that the Israelites were somewhat tricked into entering this covenant with the Gibeonites in chapter 9 but also notice how they kept their word regarding the covenant they had entered. It wasn't with a lack of urgency, purpose, or intentionality. Rather, we read that their entire army went with the best fighting men.

- In what ways do you need to more fully honor the commitment you have made to God even when it's difficult and inconvenient?

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Joshua 10:12-24

□ What motivated Joshua's bold prayer to God in verses 12-13 and what should this teach you and me today regarding our prayers and our entire lives?

- Joshua's bold prayer to God was rooted in his desire for God to be glorified and for God to be obeyed. Our prayers should revolve around God having His way in us and in this world. Our lives should revolve around God having His way in us and in this world.

- In what ways does your prayer life need to more fully reflect your complete dependance on God and your desire for God to have His way in you?

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Joshua 10:25-43

□ Read Exodus 23:30 and Deuteronomy 7:22 focusing especially on the language of God's promise that He was going to drive out the nations little by little. Then reread Joshua 10:42 and consider the following questions.

- In what situations do you currently desire God's timing to move quicker than it's moving? How are you navigating your desire versus what's actually happening?

- What steps do you need to take this week for your trust in God to deepen and for you more fully to cling to the hope that God always knows what He is doing, even when your timetable isn't coming to fruition?
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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

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JOSHUA CHAPTER 10 (STUDENT)

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