



JOSHUA CHAPTER 11 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- What is a skill, talent, or gift you have that you have great confidence in?
- What is a skill, talent, or gift you wish you had?
- **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 11:1-23)

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

Joshua 11:1-9

- Notice that the Israelite success that had been given by God caused them to be targets of the other nations around them. What does this indicate about how Satan works?
 - When we choose to walk in the victory that the Lord invites us to, things do not necessarily get easier. In fact, we become bigger targets of Satan and things can frequently be more difficult as we face more opposition and resistance.

- How do you intentionally prepare yourself to battle against the schemes and temptations of Satan? Do you attempt to handle these on your own or do you seek to tap into the power and resources of the Holy Spirit?
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- Why is the language of verse 4 significant, specifically that the adversaries of Israel were “like the sand on the seashore?”
 - Israel is facing opposition and resistance like they have never faced before. At every point in their pursuit of claiming God’s promises, things and situations seem to increase in difficulty. Battles seem greater. Challenges are more fierce and daunting.
 - Put yourself in the place of the Israelites at this time. What would you be thinking and feeling?
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- What is amazing and comforting about God’s reassurance and encouragement of Joshua in verse 6?
 - God understands that for Joshua and the Israelites, this latest step in claiming His promises does in fact seem impossible and that they are fearful. Rather than condemning Joshua or the people of Israel for this, God provides tremendous encouragement and affirmation.
 - Are you more prone to run away from difficult situations and circumstances that God has called you to rather than leaning into His encouragement and affirmation? Why?

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Joshua 11:10-23

- Reread verse 23. What do you think it means for God to be faithful to His promises?

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- Consider the following questions.

- What are promises of God that He has made to you that you take for granted?
- What are promises of God that you cling to during difficult circumstances?
- What are promises of God that you need to allow to fill you rather than allowing worry or fear to fill you?

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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 (Romans chapter 1)

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