

Joshua – Lesson Workbook

God's Power in Action

Joshua 5:13-6:5

1. Put yourself in Joshua's shoes. What would you be thinking during this encounter?

2. What is the Lord's message to Joshua?

3. What do you make of the Lord's military strategy? What if such methods were employed in modern warfare, would such directions be taken seriously?

Joshua 6:6-14

1. What role does the Ark of the Covenant play in this narrative?

2. Do you think this strategy got old after one day? Two?

3. What do you think the people thought to themselves?

Joshua 6:15-21

1. What do the Israelites do on the seventh day? What happens?

2. What details about this story are you realizing for the first time today?

3. The actual conquering of Jericho was a gruesome event. How does the brutality of the events attest to the importance of the barrier being removed?

Joshua 6:22-27

1. How do you think Rahab and her family reacted to what was going on around them? How do you think they felt once they had been saved?

2. Why do you think Joshua pronounced an oath against the rebuilding of the walls?

3. How did Joshua's life change as a result of these events?

Matthew 16:17-19

1. How is the language and theme of this passage similar with the Joshua story?

2. How can Christ's identity be a force against obstacles in our own lives?

3. When you consider the many walls which block the Church from influencing the surrounding fallen culture, would you say the Church is winning or that the powers of hell are winning?

4. Do you think this passage is communicating that God will win in the end, or that the powers of hell will always fall at the hands of committed Christians who proclaim Christ in truth and courage? Why do you think that way?

5. Do you think the church ever unknowingly assists the powers of hell by keeping non-believers out? How? What can be done to correct that?

6. How intentional are you about tearing down walls versus building them up? How might you be constructing words without even knowing it?

Our Own Walls

1. What is one wall our church could tear down so more people could get to Christ? How might we do that?

2. What is one wall we've constructed that prohibits people from getting plugged in to our Bible class? How can we tear down that wall?

3. What is one wall you've put up in your life that actually reinforces the enemy instead of defeating him?

4. What do you need to do to flatten it so that others will see Christ in you?

Homework:

- Memorize Matthew 16:17-19
- Briefly list all the "Walls" you face in your own life that prevent you from being more a more effective Christian.
- Choose two of these walls to bring down this week. Start with prayer, and allow God to lead you.