



Small Group Notes

Text:
Joshua 10

Title:
Fighting for the Promise

In Chapter 9 we saw how the Gibeonites connived an alliance with Israel. Now in Chapter 10 all the Amorite kings turn against them and the Gibeonites call out to Joshua to help them.

1. God's rallying cry
2. God's battle plan
3. God's victory

Reflect

1. From either listening to the sermon and / or reading the text, what most impacts you from the passage? What did you feel the Holy Spirit most speaking to you about or impressing upon you?
2. Why does God repeat the same refrain in 10.8 ? Where have we heard this before ?(1:5-9;8:1;11:6) Why does Joshua need reminding?
3. God has a plan for Israel at this moment – it is His battle but what role do the people of Israel have to play in this battle to stand in the good of Gods promise of victory?
4. V12-14 we see the Sun and Moon stand still – what are the range of valid interpretations to these verses (actual/allegorical)
5. What does this chapter show about the importance of prayer? Do you see how faith and action come together as a response to Gods promise?
6. How does the picture of Joshua's commanders having their foot on the back of the defeated Kings neck and the stone rolled over the cave to hide their bodies have echoes of the promise of Jesus Victory? Why is His victory so different?

Respond

1. What are the battles that you face right now?
2. What is God's promise(s) to you in this trial or moment in your life?
3. What do you have to do in faith and action to fight for this promise?
4. Are you prepared to stop and pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you courage and peace each day you face your battle?
5. Do you need reminding of these promises? Who has been sent to remind and teach us the promises of Jesus? Have we ears to hear?

Optional further study

Look at **Genesis 3:14** where Jesus is promised as the victor over Satan. Look at **Psalms 110** describing Jesus's rule and reign. Look at **Ephesians 1:18** do you see the promise of hope?

There are many biblical promises for you - John 10:10; John 6:37; Mark 10:29-31; John 14:21; John 15:14-15; John 15:9-11; Matthew 16:24-25.

Who reminds and teaches us: John 14:26 – Romans 8:11-14