



Small Group Notes

Text:

Joshua 5:13 – Joshua 6

Title:

Claiming the Promise

Joshua now stands before the mighty fortress of Jericho and we see three acts in His obedient response to claiming the promise

1. The Commander
2. The Conquest
3. The Climax

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. Do you agree that the Commander of the Army is Jesus? Do you agree that Joshua was being challenged in his will thinking? If not, why do you think Jesus appeared in this way?
3. Why does God take so long in bringing the walls down? Is there significance in having the people walk for 7 days? Do you agree that God does not just want outcomes He desires communion and cooperation?
4. What is your emotional and theological response to the city being devoted to destruction by the sword? How could you explain better this side of God the Father?
5. How does Rahab's story reflect the gospel?

Respond

1. What commands of our commander Jesus do you struggle to obey out of love? Do you believe the main commands of Jesus are to love God and then love others? How can we practice this when we are so busy?
2. How can we ensure the world does not overwhelm our walk in Jesus – what interactions with the world cause you most difficulty.
3. Allow the Holy Spirit to refresh your joy at having been saved and the cup of wrath drunk by Jesus. Meditate on this.

Optional further study

What does it mean to walk by the spirit? Meditate and review **Galatians 5:16**.

Look at the scriptures in the Old Testament that refer to the spiritual state of Canaan and Jericho: **(Genesis 15:13-14, 16) (Leviticus 18:24-28)**.