

SERIES: LESSONS FOR LIFE FROM GOD'S SERVANT, JOSHUA

Lesson #4: "God Will Give Victory to the Faithful"

Joshua 5-6

Announcements and opening prayer



Connect: an opportunity for people to immediately interact and connect with each other; icebreaker/attention getters. **Icebreaker:** If God somehow told you through your leaders that He was about to do something great, how would you get ready that day?

Question: God has a plan for you and me to make disciples of all ethnic groups, to cover the earth with His truth. His plan is for us to go forth and take this land for His glory. How do you prepare for that mission that Jesus plainly stated?

The Bottom Line: God can overpower the greatest odds for His faithful!

LESSON PLAN



Denotes "Apply"

Background: *In preparing to take the land, God has the people restore the covenant of circumcision that had been neglected for the last 40 years. Only the children who came out of Egypt had been circumcised according to the Law. No male could participate in the Passover unless they were circumcised according to Exodus 12:48-49, so the time had come to reestablish God's covenant with those. Now that they have this covenant sign, the Passover can take its rightful place among the people.*

Read Joshua 5:1-12

1. What cause these great and powerful kings to lose their hearts and decide not to face the Israelites?
2. Why do you think it was important to God that all the men born in the desert during the 40 years of wandering were circumcised?

Read Colossians 2:9-12



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3. How does Paul describe Christian circumcision?

4. God called the place Gilgal, which means "rolled" in Hebrew. Why did He call it that?

⌚ How has God taken the reproach away from your life?

Read Joshua 5:13-15

5. What was interesting about this man who appears in front of Joshua with a drawn sword?

6. Why do you think Joshua is told to take off his sandals?

⌚ Do you think we have lost some of that respect for the presence of God?

⌚ How do we show our respect to God in our culture?

Read Joshua 6:1-27

7. What are some of the things we see here that took great faith on the part of Israel?

8. What are they told NOT to take?

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⌚ If someone were to ask you, what is sacred to the Lord, what would you say?

⌚ How do you and I make this earth holy unto God?

In archaeological data we find that Jericho was a city of great prominence and wealth. Excavations show they had massive defenses. The dig showed there was an earthen embankment stabilized by a 15' stone wall. Atop that was a free standing mud brick wall another 6' thick and 18-24' high. Jericho's mud walls crumpled in a heap at the base of the retaining wall. Archaeologists suggest that an earthquake took place and that the fallen bricks formed a ramp by which the Israelites climbed the retaining wall. There was a 3' high layer of ash that confirms the fires and utter destruction.



Interactive Teaching Ideas: ideas for learner-focused teaching. Ask the class to discuss at each table the following assignment and then share the results from each table:

- What are some of the enemies we face who occupy God's land?
- What do you think God is leading us forward to accomplish for His Glory?
- How has the Lord's fame spread because of your church's faithfulness?
- What do you think is the greatest lesson contained in these 2 chapters?

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Going Deeper/Homework:

Memory Verse: "The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; The Lord raises up those who are bowed down; The Lord loves the righteous..." (Psalm 146:8).