



LIFE GROUP GUIDE

WEEK 11: JOSHUA 9:1-27 • HOMEWORK 4/17-4/21 • SERMON 4/20, 4/23

MEDITATE

1. Read Joshua 9:1-27. Record observations below.

DWELL

2. Summarize or try to capture this chapter's main idea in one sentence below.
3. Go back through Joshua 9 and mark every instance of covenant (or similarly *oath*) mentioned in this chapter.
4. As you reflect on what we learned in weeks prior about covenant (Genesis 12, 15, 17), record what you know about covenant below. How does what we've learned about covenant relate to or contrast with what takes place in Joshua 9?
5. Read Deuteronomy 7:1-2 and 20:10-18. How do these verses help you better understand Joshua 9?
6. In what ways did Israel not follow instructions given in Deuteronomy 7:1-2? What are the results of this disobedience?

7. How does this contrast between Israel's victory in Joshua 8 and their vulnerability to deception in Joshua 9 show what is going on in the hearts of God's people and their leader?

8. What does Joshua 9:14 teach you about Israel and Joshua's deeper problem at this point in the story?

9. Consider a time when you did not seek counsel from God about a decision. What were the results? What did you learn from that situation?

10. **Read Psalm 27:11-14.** In what ways does this passage encourage you to seek counsel from the Lord?

GOSPEL CONNECTION:

11. Isaiah 9:6 is a prophecy about Jesus. What name of Jesus do you see listed in this verse that would relate to seeking God's wisdom?

How does seeing Jesus as our Wonderful Counselor help you seek Him in times of confusion or uncertainty?

PRAY

12. Take counsel from the mistake in Joshua 9:14 and the wisdom of Psalm 27:11-14. Pray through a decision you are currently making or an area you need wisdom and ask God for discernment and courage to obey. Record your prayer below.