



# LIFE GROUP GUIDE

WEEK 10: Joshua 8:1-35 • HOMEWORK 4/10-4/14 • SERMON 4/13, 4/16

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## MEDITATE

1. Read Joshua 8:1-35. Record observations below.

## DWELL

2. What phrase did God say to Joshua in verse 8:1?
3. Where else do we see God use this phrase with Joshua? Why would the Lord need to continually remind Joshua of these things?
4. Look back through 8:3-23. Contrast the battle plan and methods for taking Ai with the battle plan and method for taking Jericho. What stood out to you as you reflect on the contrast of these battles?
5. While the battle plans of Jericho and Ai are different, they are both God-given. What from 8:3-23 shows this plan was of God?

6. There is another contrast between Jericho and Ai, in regard to “devoting” the conquered city to the Lord. Reread Joshua 6:18-19. Consider the Lord’s instructions for the “things devoted to destruction” when the people of God took Jericho. How are those different from what the Lord instructs in regards to the battle of Ai?

7. After the battle, take notice of two significant things Joshua does in 8:30-35.

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8:34 \_\_\_\_\_

8. For more background on the “words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law: (Joshua 8:34), read Deuteronomy 27:1-28:14. Knowing Joshua read the words of the Law, a marked moment of renewed covenant, what does this teach you about Joshua and his leadership?

9. As you envision the people of God, between 2 mountains, led from battle to victory, the word of God being proclaimed, his blessing and curse, this is a picture of a huge outdoor worship service! As you picture the scene and reflect on the events of Joshua 6-8 as a whole, where do you see the evidence of God’s rich mercy and grace?

## **PRAY**

10. This chapter closes with God’s people gathered, under God’s leadership and God’s word, to worship God alone. As you reflect on the scene, pray for God’s church (the people gathered), God’s leadership (our pastors, elders, staff), God’s word to be preached and proclaimed, to penetrate our hearts, to stir obedience, and to cultivate worship to the One True God.