



# LIFE GROUP GUIDE

WEEK 8: Joshua 6 • HOMEWORK 3/20-3/24 • SERMON 3/23, 3/26

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You are about to study one of the most well-known events in all the Bible. Children’s books have captured the imagination of fertile minds while adults have sung spirituals written years ago capturing the triumph of God over the enemies of His people. The question is “Why?” Why has this chapter of all the chapters in this huge book been singled out for such purposes? What captivates the interest, imagination, and awe of men, women and children alike?

This is what you will discover as you study Joshua 6. As you read Joshua 6, capture the scene in your mind. Imagine what this sight must have looked like—to those looking down from the walls of Jericho and to those marching silently around them, day after day.

## MEDITATE

1. Read Joshua 6:1-27. Record observations below.

## DWELL

2. There are both promises of God and commands of God in Joshua 6:1-5. List the promises and commands below.

Promises

Commands

3. What did you find surprising in God’s battle plan for the people of Israel to take this fortified city?
  4. How many times is the “ark of the covenant” mentioned in Joshua 6:6-21? What is the role of the ark in this narrative and in the military strategy for this battle? Why is that significant?
  5. There was a promise of the Lord for complete victory, a military strategy commanded in order to complete the conquest, however according to Hebrews 11:30, what was also required of the people?
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6. Biblical faith is more than belief. It's believing, trusting, and obeying God. As you consider the faith of Rahab (Joshua 2, 6) and the people of Israel, what did these two feats of faith have in common?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Joshua 6:22-27 lists the aftermath of the victory. Summarize these verses below, including the blessing and the curse listed in this section.

**GOSPEL CONNECTION:**

8. Trent Hunter makes the observation that "First Corinthians 1:18–31 describes salvation through Christ similarly to how we might describe salvation at Jericho." Read that passage and answer these questions: How does God save? Whom does God save? Why does God save in this way?

9. How do you see the connection between the "foolishness of the cross" and the foolishness of the battle plan in Joshua 5-6 for the people of Israel? (Hint: God's ways are not our ways, He loves to display His power so no one may boast.)

**PRAY**

10. Faith in the power of God and the plans of God is followed by action or obedience. If we truly have faith, we will act on it. Is there a circumstance or area of your life requiring faith and action? Ask for the courage to obey God where He is asking you to step out in trust, record a prayer below.