



LIFE GROUP GUIDE

WEEK 9: Joshua 7:1-26 • HOMEWORK 3/27-3/31 • SERMON 3/30, 4/2

MEDITATE

1. Read Joshua 7:1-26. Record observations below.

DWELL

2. This chapter covers the move from Jericho to Ai, a strategic move from a central fortress of the Jordan Valley to a smaller but centrally located fortress of the hill country. However, the focus of this narrative is not the military strategy.

Read the first verse and last verse of Joshua 7: what is the focus and context of this story?

3. List everything you learn about Achan's sin from this chapter. What led him to disobey God? How did it come about? What were the consequences? Whom did it affect?
4. What was Joshua's response to Israel's failure at Ai in Joshua 7:6-10? What surprised you about his response? Did his response seem appropriate? Why or why not?
5. Describe the response of the Lord to Joshua in 7:10-16. What truths about human sin can we learn from God's response to Joshua?

6. Joshua 7:15 shows the true reason this sin was judged. Record the transgression mentioned in this verse. Why is that significant?

7. Summarize what was discovered and uncovered in 7:22-23. What was the response of the people in 7:24-26. Where else do we see a pile of stones in Joshua? What would this represent?

GOSPEL CONNECTION:

8. One man's sin (Achan) leads to corporate guilt. In the same way, one man's innocence leads to communal salvation. Jesus, the One who takes our sin so that we might have the righteousness of God. Reflect on 2 Corinthians 5:21, in what ways have you experienced Jesus taking the guilt of your sin and in turn giving you forgiveness and freedom?

9. God's slow but deliberate uncovering of Achan's sin is a reminder of his perfect knowledge and patient love toward us to bring us from darkness to light, to uncover our sin and forgive us. Is there secret sin you need to bring to the light? Read 1 John 1:9-2:2. What are we to do when we have done something forbidden or when we are keeping something hidden? How does knowing Jesus is our advocate and propitiation bring you courage to confess hidden sin?

PRAY

10. As you reflect on #9, pray for God to reveal hidden sin in your heart. And ask for courage to confess. If you have been brave enough to confess hidden sin before and were met with mercy and forgiveness, pray in gratitude to the Lord for His grace in your life.