



LIFE GROUP GUIDE

WEEK 13: JOSHUA 11:1-12:24 • HOMEWORK 5/1-5/5 • SERMON 5/4, 5/7

MEDITATE

1. Read Joshua 11:1-12:24. Record observations below.

DWELL

2. Go back through Joshua 11 and 12, underline or mark every reference to God in these chapters. What insight does this give you to the character or ways of God? Share below.
3. What familiar phrase does God speak to Joshua in chapter 11:6? As you consider the past few battles, why is it significant here that the Lord is repeating this phrase to him?
4. Another phrase is repeated in Joshua 11:10-15 that was stated by God in past battles. Record it below.

What prior knowledge do we have about this phrase? Why was it significant for God's people to "utterly destroy" what was in the land?

5. Read Deuteronomy 20:10-18. What from this passage explains why it is so important to "utterly destroy" these cities? (Hint: Deuteronomy 20:18)

6. Joshua 11 ends with a summary statement to close the first half of the book of Joshua (battle for the land). In your own words, record Joshua 11:23 below. Now go back and read 11:22, take note of inhabitants in the land. Consider that the people were at rest from the war, but there were inhabitants that were not “utterly destroyed”. *This is a theme of God’s faithfulness and the people’s incomplete obedience. We will revisit the theme of partial obedience later in the book of Joshua. For now, take note and consider ways that incomplete obedience to God’s command might come back later to harm Israel.

7. What is the significance of Joshua 12. In 1-2 sentences summarize what this chapter teaches you about God and His faithfulness to fulfill His covenant promise of land, seed, and blessing for Israel.

GOSPEL CONNECTION:

8. As New Testament believers, our war against sin is not in a physical land but in our own hearts. Read Colossians 3:3-10. What are the things we are to utterly destroy in our own lives? In what ways can you or do you need to declare war against the sin that seeks to utterly destroy you?

9. Knowing Jesus utterly destroys sin, Satan, and death on the cross should lead us to embrace the gospel and live in gratitude. We are not alone in our war against sin. How does (or how can) preaching the gospel to yourself help you win your struggle against sin and rest in His grace?

PRAY

10. As we wrap up this section in Joshua recounting the battles for the land, what ways did seeing God’s faithfulness to fulfill His promise increase your faith and worship of God? Record a prayer of worship below in light of His faithfulness toward His people from all that was recorded in Joshua 1-12.