



LIFE GROUP GUIDE

WEEK 6: Joshua 5:1-15 • HOMEWORK 3/5-3/10 • SERMON 3/9, 3/12

MEDITATE

1. Read Joshua 5:1-15. Record observations below.

DWELL

2. After crossing the Jordan, the Israelites pause to observe two ceremonies commanded by God. Record the two ceremonies below from this passage. Why were these significant?
3. Consider the timing God chose to have the males of Israel circumcised. List the ways this timing is both confusing and important as they head into battle?
4. Read Genesis 17:9-14. In your own words, summarize the significance of circumcision below
5. Circumcision was God's unique, distinct, personal sign of covenant between the nation of Israel and Yahweh. According to Genesis 17:14, what happens to someone who is not circumcised? How does that connect to this point in the story of Joshua 5?

Joshua 5:9 is the bridge between the first ceremony God had the people observe (circumcision) and the second ceremony they'll pause to observe (Passover). The verse states, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." They are no longer slaves in a foreign land but now a nation of God's people in their own land.

6. According to Exodus 12:1-14, 24-28, 47-49 what is the significance of Passover?

GOSPEL CONNECTION:

7. As New Testament believers, we have two ceremonies or ordinances that we hold to symbolize our unique relationship as a new people in the New Covenant with Christ: Baptism & Communion. In what ways does baptism and communion display our covenant relationship with the Lord? See Romans 6:1-6 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-29.

8. Joshua has an encounter with a person in 5:13-15. Who is this "person" Joshua interacts with? What struck you in this encounter? Record your thoughts below.

9. How is this encounter similar to what Moses experienced in Exodus 3:1-6?

PRAY

10. Before battle, the commander of the Lord's army, the preincarnate Christ, shows up right here in Joshua. And Joshua's response to seeing Him, was to fall on his face and worship (Joshua 5:14). As you close your time reflecting on this week's passage, what brings about a holy fear in you toward the Lord? Reverence? Worship? Take some time to worship God, His holiness and power, in your life today.