

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - Ge

Hebrews 11:30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. **31** By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Joshua 5:13 When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?" **14** And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?" **15** And the commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

Joshua 6:15 On the seventh day they rose early, at the dawn of day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. **16** And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city.

Other Passages: Luke 1:37, Rom 8:37, Proverbs 3:4-7

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge: Read Joshua 6 together

- 1) Share with the group a time that you had to wait for something for an unreasonable amount of time? Reflect as a group on what waiting can do to a person, do you enjoy waiting? Do you avoid waiting?
- 2) How do you think you would have reacted to being told you were going to be walking around a city in silence?
- 3) Has God ever asked or inspired you to do something that has made you feel uncomfortable? Did you overcome the discomfort? If so, how?
- 4) Joshua had an encounter with a commander of the Lord's army, seemingly equipping Joshua for the coming battle. How would that have changed your hope and faith in a time like this? Is that something that can happen to us today? How are believers equipped for battle? Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17 and Eph 4:11-12 and Heb 13:21
- 5) **God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine (Eph 3:20), The walls of Jericho could not stand, they occupied Holy ground and yet they were unholy, so they had to move.**

Is there some area of your life right now that needs a Jericho-esk eviction like moment? Consider sharing this with the group and join together for prayer and praise over this challenge and victory.

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS