

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, September 14, 2014

Passage: Joshua

Memory Passage: Joshua 1:8

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Joshua 1.** What does God promise Joshua He will do (vs. 1-6) and how does this reflect His covenant?
- (b) What does God command Joshua to do and how does this reflect the covenant (vs. 7-9)?
- (c) What is the people's response to Joshua's challenge (vs. 16-18)?
- (d) How do you, as a New Covenant Christian, apply Joshua 1:8 to your life?

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Joshua 6-7.** One 2 blatant acts of disobedience (see chapter 9 for another): Explain what Israel was to do in chapter 6 in order to have victory over Jericho, and what was to be done with the spoils?
- (b) Why was Israel defeated at Ai, and why did God's anger burn against *the people* instead of just Achan?
- (c) Why was God justified in punishing Achan and Israel as He did?
- (d) What was Achan's sin, how does this sin manifest itself in your life, and what does God's covenant with His people have to do with your answers?

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Joshua 3:4-8, 6:1-5, 8:1-8, 11:1-10, 20, & 14:5.** These are just a few of the references to God's actions in the book of Joshua. What do you learn about God's sovereignty and power? Can He be all-powerful without being sovereign, or sovereign without being all-powerful? Explain your answer.
- (b) What does God's work in Joshua reveal about the relationship between the people's obedience and God's will?
- (c) How do God's actions relate to His covenant, and why is this fact important to you today?
- (d) If you were an Israelite during the time of Joshua, what would have been your motivation for being obedient?

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Joshua 4:6-7, 20, 7:26, 8:28-29, 30-32, 10:27, 24:25-27.** Piles of stones are important in Joshua. For each reference you will need to examine the context to answer these questions:
- (b) What was the general purpose for erecting a pile of stones?
- (c) What was the event that inspired each pile of stones to be erected?
- (d) What do we learn about the people in each event? About God?
- (e) Though you might not erect a pile of stones, what are some events in your life that should inspire you to mark out a way to remind yourself of God's work in your life, and why would this be helpful to you?

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Joshua 1:1-6, 5:5-6, 21:43-22:6, 23:1-16 & 24:1-14.** These are just some of the references to God's promise through covenant to His people. How do these reveal to us the faithfulness of God?
- (b) How do these references connect the book of Joshua with the Pentateuch (1<sup>st</sup> 5 books of the OT)?
- (c) In what ways did the seed of the serpent try to thwart God, and in what ways did the people show they were acting as Abraham's spiritual seed?
- (d) In what ways is Joshua a type of Christ?

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*God the Faithful Warrior (The Book of Joshua)*