

# **JOSHUA SERIES – PART 3**

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## WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **My King Forever** (Bethel Music)
- We Fall Down (Bethel Music)
- The King Is In The Room (Phil Wickham)

## SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

• Joshua 5 & 6

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Begin your session with a prayer, asking God to open your hearts and minds to His Word and the lessons from this sermon.

#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- 1. God's presence can provoke fear in His enemies.
- 2. God is a covenant-keeping God who desires obedience from His people.
- 3. We must remember our past while embracing God's future for us.
- 4. Walking with God means aligning with His story, not our own.
- God's strategies for overcoming obstacles may seem unconventional but require our obedience.

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. The sermon mentions that the enemies of Israel were afraid when they heard what God had done. How should our lives as Christians impact those around us?
- 2. God instructed Joshua to circumcise the Israelites, renewing the covenant. What spiritual practices help us renew our commitment to God today?
- 3. The Israelites celebrated Passover and then ate from the produce of the land. How have you experienced God ending one provision in your life and beginning a new one?
- 4. Joshua encountered the commander of the Lord's army. How do you discern whether you're following God's plan or your own?
- 5. God's strategy for conquering Jericho seemed unusual. Share a time when God asked you to do something that didn't make sense at first.
- 6. The sermon emphasizes obedience over having a formula. How can we cultivate a heart of obedience in our daily lives?

## **PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS**

- 1. This week, intentionally share a testimony of God's work in your life with someone who doesn't know Him.
- 2. Identify an area where you've been trying to write your own story instead of following God's. Commit to surrendering it to Him.
- 3. Is there a "Jericho" in your life a seemingly insurmountable obstacle? Spend time in prayer, asking God for His strategy to overcome it.
- 4. Practice listening for God's voice this week. Set aside 10 minutes each day for silent reflection and journaling what you sense God saying.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Thank God for His faithfulness in keeping His covenant with us. Ask for the courage to obey Him even when His ways don't make sense to us. Pray for discernment to recognize His voice and align with His story for our lives.