



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Surely Can't Be My Fault*

Text: Joshua 7

Service Date: November 10, 2024

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- Leroy Lawson opened the sermon talking about memories. If you grew up going to church, what were some of your favorite Bible stories? If you didn't grow up going to church, are there any Bible stories that, when you've heard them, thought to yourself, "You've got to be kidding!"?
- Comedian Flip Wilson would say, "The devil made me do it." What are some common excuses you hear for poor decisions individuals make?
- Take a moment to recap the story of Achan's sin found in Joshua 7.

Sermon Discussion

- Achan took things that weren't his (Joshua 7:21) and tried to hide it from God. In what ways do you see Achan's sin not just impacting his life but also all of Israel? In what ways do you see someone's sin as affecting those around them?
- Initially, we often don't see the impact our sins can have. We try to run, hide, and may even pretend as though they (the sins) don't have any consequences. Have you or someone you've known ever tried to deny the consequences of their sin? What was the outcome?
- What danger is there in constantly trying to keep sin a secret?
- Achan had consequences for his disobedience. But it's not uncommon for individuals in today's culture to live believing there are no consequences for their poor decisions. Why is it so easy to make poor choices and pretend as though the consequences will not follow?

- One of Tri-Village’s values is transparency. If individuals were to wear tags on them at church each Sunday showing what’s holding them back from becoming more like Jesus, what do you think the tags would say?
- When we hide our sin and continue to live in unrepentance, how do you think this impacts our spiritual walk?
- Every person has struggles, but it’s easy to simply go through the “motions” and never allow ourselves to be known by anyone. Do you think it’s easy for most people to let their guard down and admit their struggles? Why?
- In admitting our struggles, we can often actually do more for helping others share their struggles. What are some ways you think are needed right now in both your life and the life of Tri-Village to allow God’s Spirit to fully take control?
- John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” In thinking about the affects sin has on both our individual lives as well as those around us, what hope does this verse provide in knowing that we ultimately don’t have the answer to our sin problem?

Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?

We’d love to hear about it! In fact, one of Tri-Village’s values is “Stories of Life Change”. Visit tri-village.org/yourstory and share how God worked.