

Group Questions – Joshua 22:10-34 – Don't Jump to Conclusions

What area of your life are you tempted to jump to conclusions about others?

Why can it be dangerous for us to jump to conclusions?

Share a time you thought something was true but found out it was not true.

Read – Matthew 5:44-45, and Proverbs 19:11

What do these verses teach about handling situations where we are wronged?

Why might it seem UNFAIR to love our enemies or overlook wrongs?

Why might God WANT US to love our enemies and overlook wrongs?

Read – John 10:10

What is Jesus' purpose?

Considering Matthew 5:44, how does Jesus give us this life?

What is the thief's (Satan's) purpose?

Considering Matthew 5:44, how does Satan steal away the life Jesus gives?

Read – 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Considering that description of love, which one is your biggest struggle?

Why does God call us to love like this?

In Joshua 22, the western tribes wanted to go to war with the eastern tribes because they thought, building the altar, would negatively impact them.

What do the verses we've looked at, have to say about going to "war" with others because their actions negatively impact us?

Read – Joshua 22:11

The desire to "go to war" began because they "heard someone say"

How can HEARSAY cause us to want to go to war with others?

How can your opinion of others be influenced by HEARSAY?

Read – Proverbs 16:27-28

What do these verses warn regarding gossip and hearsay?

Have you ever lost a friend because of gossip? Explain.

Read – Matthew 18:15

Why do you think Jesus wants us to go directly to the person?

Why is it often difficult for us to go directly to the person?

How can doing this help us have the life Jesus wants for us?

Read – Matthew 5:23-24

Why do you think Jesus said reconciling relationships is more important than offering a gift of worship to God?

CLOSING:

- Ask everyone to think of someone they are at “war” with.
- Encourage them to pray about that relationship and consider seeking reconciliation in that relationship.