

Group Questions - Joshua 5 – Bow Before the Battle

INTRO QUESTIONS

As you consider your current life situation, what feels like a BATTLE?

How would you define the word VICTORY?

How do you know that you have been VICTORIOUS?

DISCUSSION OF THIS PAST SUNDAY'S TEACHING

Read – Joshua 5:13

Why do you think Joshua asked, “Are You for us or for our adversaries?”

Joshua saw 2 possibilities... FOR him ... or... AGAINST him

How many possibilities do you see when you look to your future?

How many options do you give God when you pray?

Why is it dangerous to have limited options to present to God?

What do your prayers sound like right now with our current situation?

What would you consider “VICTORY” in this COVID-19 situation?

Joshua wanted to know, “Are you FOR ME, or AGAINST ME.”

In what ways might we be feeling the same way right now?

Read – Joshua 5:14a

Pastor Nate shared how this “person” was a CHRISTOPHANY... an appearance of Jesus in the Old Testament.

That means, Jesus answers Joshua's question by saying, “No.”

Share a time when God answered your prayer, “NO”.

Why does God sometimes answer us by saying, “NO”?

Pastor Nate shared how Jesus was showing Joshua there was a 3rd option he had not considered.

Share a time in your life when God moved in a way you didn't expect.

Is it possible God wants to move in our world today in a way we don't expect?

“My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right.” – Abraham Lincoln

How can this mindset help shape our prayers and choices for the future?

Read – Joshua 5:14b-15

Pastor Nate shared Joshua went from STANDING in PRIDE asking, “Whose side are you on?” to BOWING in HUMILITY in response to Jesus' statement, “NO”... Jesus basically asking, “Joshua, whose side are you on?”

In what ways can our prayer life be more prideful than humble?

Pastor Nate shared that God cares more about you than you do yourself

How does that understanding help us humble ourselves before God?

Can you share a way you are currently “STANDING” in pride, where God is calling you to “BOW” in humility?

As you look to the future, are you more optimistic or a pessimistic?

Do you think you naturally lean more one way than the other? Why?

How much do you think your attitude effects your prayer life?

Close in prayer asking God to show us His plan and that we would get on His side