

PEOPLE LIKE US

Week 1: April 19
Joshua, Rahab, and Achan
"Does God Work Today the Way He Did Then?"

Scripture

Joshua 1:1-9 | Joshua 2:1-14 | Joshua 6:1-7 | Joshua 7:1-5, 20-21 | Matthew 1:5-6

- Have you ever had to trust directions that didn't make sense at the time but worked out as it should've?
 - What made it hard to follow through?
- What's one time you realized that a small choice had a much bigger impact than you expected? Did that impact turn out for good or for bad?

Diving IN

- God doesn't give Joshua a new trick or sign like Moses had. Instead, He tells him to be strong, courageous, and obedient to His Word.
 - What does that show us about how God wanted Joshua to lead?
- Why do you think obedience to God's Word is tied so closely to courage?
- When Joshua faces the Jordan and then Jericho, both situations require trust before understanding. What do these moments teach us about faith?
 - Why is it often harder to obey God when we cannot see how things will work out?
- How does Rahab respond what she heard about God?
 - What stands out to you about her response?
 - What does her story teach us about who God can save and use?
- Achan also saw something and acted, but in what direction? How would you compare Rahab and Achan's actions?
 - What is different about what each one believes, wants, and does?
 - What does Achan's story reveal about the nature of sin?
- Joshua 7 shows that one man's hidden sin affected the whole community. Why do we often think our private choices are only private?

- How does this challenge the way we think about discipleship, family, and church life?
- Do you think God still works today the way He did then—not by giving us less, but by giving us more?
 - Indeed, we now have His Word and His Spirit. How does that challenge the idea that it was easier to follow God in Bible times?
 - What has God already given us to help us walk with Him faithfully?

Living It Out

- Where in your life right now do you feel most tempted to treat God like a consultant instead of Lord?
 - What would surrender look like in that area?
 - Is there a place where obedience to God feels confusing, costly, or unreasonable right now?
 - What would it look like to trust Him before you fully understand?
- Rahab’s faith affected her whole family, and Achan’s sin did too. How are your choices shaping the people around you right now?
 - Where do you see your life influencing your home, your friendships, or your group?
 - Are there any “hidden things” in your life right now that need to be confessed and brought into the light?
- What makes confession difficult, and what makes it *liberating*?
- The American Dream or the Kingdom Dream: which one more often shapes your prayers, goals, and expectations?
- How would your life look different if your main desire was God’s glory?

Pray

- What is one specific step of obedience God may be asking of you this week?
- How can this group pray for you and help you follow through?