

JOSHUA



TEXT: Joshua 6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Redeemer Kids** – Help needed! Please check with Luke Boone to get plugged in and begin serving with our kids.
 - **Easter invitations** – Share our Easter video and invite those in your lives to our Easter services this Sunday.
 - **Serve Rocky Mount** – sign up at www.serverockymount.com - Life Groups, discuss your plans.
 - **Parent Commisioning** – For Covenant Members, on Mother's Day. If interested, sign-up at www.redeemerchuch.com/nextsteps
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Leading off...

1. What has been your understanding and key lessons believed from Joshua and the battle of Jericho?
2. Is this a cute story?
3. What's the real point of the story?

BIG IDEA: Jesus defeats our enemies.

Read Joshua 6:1-4

4. We know from archeologists, that Jericho was a heavily fortified city, and that the walls all collapsed at once. What does this teach us?
5. God's plan must have seemed crazy to the Israelites. Not to us, because we know the end of the story. But how do we likewise not believe God's plans at times, when we don't know how things will end?

Read Joshua 6:5-9

6. Continuing to discuss God's battle plan for the Israelites, consider the difference between God's plans and our plans. In what ways are they different?
7. Consider sanctification (the process of God making you more like Jesus). How do we sometimes buck against God's plan and process for our sanctification?

Read Joshua 6:10-14

8. Talk about what the Israelites might have been thinking about this battle plan. Do you think there might have been some doubters? Discouragement? How might you have responded?
9. What is God teaching them about obedience and faithfulness in the seemingly ordinary and mundane?
10. Is God teaching you something right now you'd like to share?
11. What lessons can we learn from this?

Read Joshua 6:15-19

12. It seems harsh that all these seemingly innocent people died at the hands of God. How are we to understand this?
13. Why was Rahab spared?

Read Joshua 6:20

14. Can we believe the Bible? Why?

Read Matthew 27:27-34, 35-43, 44-51

15. As we consider how Jesus was arrested and captured on our behalf, what parallels can we draw between these two accounts?
16. Joshua marched around the city to capture it and for victory. Jesus walks through the city and outside it to His death. He defeats the enemy by weakness, not strength. What was God doing?

Wrapping Up...

17. Has there been a time, when in your impatience, you couldn't see what God was doing, but later understood?
18. Perhaps there's a situation in your life right now where you are questioning God's plan. If you are willing, please share so we can pray for you.
19. Let's pray together that we all have faith to believe, understand and trust God's plan for our lives.