

Small Group Questions

3/6.16

Dale Oquist Speaking

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

1. When playing a pick-up game or a team sport, were you usually among the first half or the last half chosen? Why? Who did you most want on your side? Why?

LOOKING BACK:

On Sunday, Dale continued our series called: Seize Tomorrow. We have been learning the principles, patterns and practices to lay hold of all God has for us.

Joshua was by himself on the plains of Jericho thinking about the coming tasks to which God had assigned him. The first one was within sight – Jericho. If it weren't for being an obstacle, it would be worth admiring. The walls that made it a fortress were impressive indeed. Yet, to fail to overcome Jericho is to fail fundamentally. To fail in taking Jericho is to see their tomorrows come to a screeching halt – 40 years of wandering for nothing. There is much at stake. Joshua knows it.

While Joshua is contemplating the coming conflict, an angelic figure appears in a battle-ready stance. And Joshua's first response is to find out whose side this "soldier" is on. In this "burning bush" encounter, Joshua is going to learn a huge lesson. It is a lesson that will usher in future success and a possessing of Israel's tomorrows. We must learn the same lesson to seize our tomorrows.

DIGGING DEEPER:

Verse: Joshua 5:13-15

Joshua wants to know, "Who's side are you on? Where do you stand?" But for Joshua to win this battle, he had to realize his own agenda, plans and opinions don't matter. He must ask, "God, what would you have me do?"

2. Why is it important to fit your life into Jesus' plans rather than try to fit Jesus into your plans? When did you discover what it meant to be on God's side and take direction from him?

On Sunday, Dale encouraged us to be spiritual catalysts- people who change the climate around us without being effected ourselves.

3. Think about the discussion to question #2. How can standing firm and taking your direction from God rather than from the sway of culture or popular opinion make you a catalyst? Have you ever experienced this?

TAKING IT HOME:

The fall of Jericho starts with Joshua's encounter with God (vv. 13-15).

4. Do you have that place where you can go to pray and think about the obstacles you are facing? What battle are you facing that you need to stop and have an encounter with God before moving forward?

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- **Remember** that **TIME CHANGE SUNDAY IS TIME CHANGE SUNDAY** Beginning next Sunday, 3/13 – Gatherings will begin at 9, 10:30 and 12:30. There is a lunch served between the 2nd and 3rd gatherings.
 - **Wednesday Nights** Join us at Peoples Church for our ongoing classes and Bible Studies for adults, women, men, youth and children on Wednesday nights at 7p