

## Small Group Questions

2/28.16

Dale Oquist Speaking

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

1. Have you ever experienced wrong timing? From all appearances, it was right timing – and when you did it, it turned out to be the wrong time? What happened?

### LOOKING BACK:

Much about our study in Joshua is about “timing.” It seemed like the wrong time to cross the Jordan River because the River was a flood stage – yet God said NOW! In our study of Joshua 5 on Sunday, the people had just crossed the River and there was excitement. The Kings of their enemies were terrified of them and it seemed like the perfect time to attack and start taking the Land God had promised. But God said WAIT! There would be a most unusual time of preparation before they were to take Jericho. Not only would God require them to wait, he would require them to go through a process of consecration to him that should have been done all along. Not only would this require patience, it would require obedience.

It is so easy for us to worry about God’s timing. We know what God wants us to do, and therefore believe that NOW is the time to do it. Maybe not. When we have to wait we can easily grow impatient. We lose joy and peace when we grow impatient with God because we are not trusting him. One Dale’s main thoughts on Sunday, was the recurring idea throughout scripture, “Obedience is the highest form of worship.” May we trust God enough to be patiently obedient!

### DIGGING DEEPER:

Verse: Joshua 5:1-12

Deliverance from bondage is one thing, but laying ahold of destiny is another. God gives us promises, but then asks us to partner with him to receive them.

2. Is there anything you’ve ever neglected to do that should just be a normal part of the life of a Jesus follower? Explain.
3. In what ways can obedience be considered the highest form of worship? Why does God call for our complete and full obedience (*vs. our partial or ½-way obedience*)?

### TAKING IT HOME:

In Joshua 5:9, God says to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt.” The hill where the circumcision took place, is named to remind the Israelites of their commitment to God

4. How has God rolled away your reproach (*shame*)? What reminders do you have that represent your allegiance and commitment to Him?

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- Remember that **TIME CHANGE SUNDAY IS TIME CHANGE SUNDAY** Beginning Sunday, 3/13 – Gatherings will begin at 9, 10:30 and 12:30. There is a lunch served between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
  - **Intentional Parenting Conference – Saturday, March 5 | 9a-12p (PC Auditorium)** PC will host this ½ day conference to equip families with tool to be intentional parents. Doug Fields brings over 30 years of parenting and professional experience as he shares his newly released Intentional Parenting curriculum. Tickets on sale: \$15/each or \$25/couple. Contact Pastor Brent Deffenbacher in the church office.