

## Small Group Questions

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Dale Oquist Speaking

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

1. Can you name an instance when you truly learned from your own mistake (experience)? When have you learned another's mistake (wisdom)? How has either lesson helped shape who you are today?

### LOOKING BACK

"Learning from your own mistakes is smart. Learning from other's mistakes is wise. Not learning from either is foolish."

Dale continued our series on the book of Joshua called Seize Tomorrow. In our quest to lay hold of our tomorrows, it would be wise for us to learn from other's blunders. That was the big idea for Sunday's teaching.

The Bible is an honest book that allows us to see the good as well as the bad of God's people. In Chapter 9, we saw again, some of the wrong turns that Israel made on their journey to possess the Promised Land (their tomorrow). We then attempted to learn from them so that our lives may be spared some pain and regret as we look to live forward!

### DIGGING DEEPER:

Verse: Joshua 9:3-27

Israel did not ask God before making their decision. We need to be proactive when it comes to prayer.

2. Have you ever made an important decision without asking God about it? What was the outcome?

Two wrongs do not make a right. After making the first mistake, Joshua took responsibility by not letting Israel break the oath they made before God.

**Psalms 15** says that the one "...who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;" may dwell with God and will not be shaken.

3. Is there a promise you ever made which later became difficult or even unpopular to keep? What happened? Describe how you experienced God's presence, strength and faithfulness throughout.

### TAKING IT HOME:

The Gibeonites became ingrained in God's story. Because Joshua took responsibility, God turned their mistake into a miracle.

4. How has God turned a mistake from your past into a miracle today?
5. What major decision do you currently face that you need to "inquire of the Lord" about first? Is there anything stopping you or holding you back from asking?

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