

## Small Group Questions

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Dale Oquist Speaking

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

1. When have you found yourself rooting for the “underdog”?

### LOOKING BACK:

On Sunday we came to one of the great stories of scripture – Joshua and the city of Jericho. There are many lessons to be learned for our lives. One of the greatest is that obedience precedes blessing. Consecration precedes conquest. We want the blessings and victory in life, without having to pay the price for it.

Joshua was a great general, and yet he bowed down to the Divine General to get instructions for the immovable walls he was facing. Those instructions defied every level of logic; just by marching and shouting the walls will come down?

The wall that Joshua faced was called Jericho. What about the walls that we face? How can that which seems hopeless and beyond our control have a turnaround? Dale shared a few practical (not necessarily logical) approaches to see the walls in our lives come down.

### DIGGING DEEPER:

Verse: Joshua 6:1-21

God didn't just knock down the walls of Jericho immediately. He didn't exactly provide the Israelites with a conventional battle plan, either.

2. What request has God ever made of you that didn't make sense at first? How did your attitude towards it change over time?

When we focus on the greatness of God, our problem immediately shrinks.

3. In what area(s) of your life do obstacles tend to seem insurmountable? Why do you think we normally focus on the size of our problems instead of the greatness of God?

### TAKING IT HOME:

It might have been easy to walk around the city for the first few days, but as the days continued, it would have been more and more tempting to quit. We often want God to do things on our timeline, forgetting that He knows best. Overcoming our obstacles takes consistency and perseverance.

4. Share about an experience where God showed you that His timing is perfect.
5. What is your Jericho? What is going on in your life right now that requires perseverance, confidence and trust in God? What steps can you actively take to respond to God in faith and walk in victory this week?

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- **NEW SUNDAY GATHERING TIMES** *Our Sunday Gatherings now 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.*
    - Remember that **next week is EASTER SUNDAY** and we have added a 5 pm gathering to allow more to celebrate the resurrection with us.
  - **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*