

WINNING FORMULA

Objective: To encourage us to seek God's will for our lives and to pursue it faithfully.

...the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. 3 March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. 4 Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. 5 When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in."

6 So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant of the Lord and have seven priests carry trumpets in front of it." 7 And he ordered the army, "Advance! March around the city, with an armed guard going ahead of the ark of the Lord."

So he had the ark of the Lord carried around the city, circling it once. Then the army returned to camp and spent the night there.

So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days.

On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times.

When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city.

Joshua 6:2-20

- What is your definition of 'Victory?' What would victory look like in your life?
- What do you think is the difference between our own vision for our lives and a God-given vision? Is it hard to tell the difference? Why or why not?
- Have you ever given serious thought to the idea that God wants to give you a vision for your life? If so, and if you're comfortable, share that vision with the group.
- Have you ever felt like God wanted you to do something that just didn't make sense? How did you handle it?
- Do you ever feel like God moves too slowly? Why do you think it's so hard to have patience with God's plans?
- What kind of impact do you think your life might have if you followed the formula "God-given Vision + Obedient Action = Victory" on a daily basis?

Consider this week:

- Take some time to be alone with God and ask him to show you what HIS vision for your life is.

Final Thought: God has a plan and a vision for your life. It's intimately connected with his plan to bring redemption to our world.

