



**Life Group Questions**  
**Joshua: “Strong and Courageous”**  
**Week 8: Joshua 9 | July 23, 2023**

1. ICEBREAKER: Share about a time when you *knew* you were strong. Feel free to keep this light. Think about physical strength (push-up challenges, 5ks, etc.) or emotional/spiritual strength.
2. What was your initial reaction to this week’s bottom line? **Strong and courageous people depend on God, not themselves.**
  - a. To what extent does your life back up this truth? How do you know?
3. It’s likely that Israel is never in this situation if Achan hadn’t sinned in chapter 7. We re-called these two truths from a previous sermon. Which one most stands out to you? Why? Which one have you experienced in your life?
  - a. **There’s no such thing as “private” sin.**
  - b. **God is loving and gracious enough to expose sin in our life**
4. What do we learn about God’s character from the way he treats the Gibeonites? What might that practically mean for people today?
5. How does the way Paul prayed in Colossians 1:9-10 contrast with Israel’s lack of prayer in Joshua 9:14?
  - a. What are a few specific prayer points you can glean from Colossians 1:9-10 to use in praying for one another? \*\*\*For more on how to pray the Bible, check out Donald Whitney’s great, little book, *Praying the Scriptures*.\*\*\*
6. In order to become strong and courageous and depend on God instead of ourselves, how would you practically answer the next two questions.
  - a.) What do you need to do *less* of?
  - b.) What do you need to do *more* of?
7. \*\*\*PRAY together\*\*\* - Spend some time praying for lost friends and family members by name.