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TEACHING OVERVIEW

This week, Pastor Ken kicked off our Hey God...I Have A Question series by diving into the book of Joshua. Joshua was Moses' secondhand man when he was leading God's people, the Israelites. When Joshua became the leader of the Israelites, God gave him 3 commands, 2 promises, and 1 final result due to those commands and promises. Joshua may have had some questions, but ultimately, he trusted in God's plan and did his part, just as each of us are called to do.

Encouragement

Pastor Ken shared that this series is for every single one of us because each of us has different questions. The good news is that it's okay and normal to have questions. We all have questions that we want to be answered and the same is true for all those who follow Christ. Having questions is what makes us human and normal, but choosing to put our faith in God and trusting in His plan is what gives us peace, especially when we have those questions. Find encouragement that all people have questions, and the best thing we can do is to put our trust in the Lord.

Scripture & Discussion

Read: Joshua 6:1-5

Discuss

1. In this passage, God has told Joshua that Jericho and its king have been delivered into His hand, but the walls stood tall and the city was barred shut. Joshua had to trust that God's plan would end up working out. Where in your life do you need to continue trusting in God's plan for your life, even if it isn't clear? Spend some time talking about this with your Group and sharing with one another.

2. The Lord commanded Joshua and the Israelites to march around the city once a day for 6 days and on the seventh day, and that the wall on the city will collapse along with the army. Spend some time talking and sharing with your Group what is something going on in your life right now that doesn't make much sense, but you feel that you need to keep pushing forward?

Scripture & Discussion

Read: James 2:26 & John 13:17

Discuss

1. Both of these passages encourage us to take a step and do our part as Pastor Ken was talking about in his message. Talk with your Group about what potential steps you need to take in order to do your part? What is God asking you to step into?

2. The Lord commanded Joshua and the Israelites to cross the Jordan River and to march around the wall of Jericho 7 days in a row. Both times, Joshua and the Israelites had to do their part through the actions they took. Pastor Ken challenged us with a final question, what is your Jordan, a river you need to cross, and what is your Jericho, a city to conquer? Spend some time talking about this with your Group and encourage one another in it this week.

Prayer

Pastor Ken shared that there are two great obstacles that all people need to overcome: fear and pride. Fear is thinking of all the possibilities that could go wrong and pride is usually one of two things, what will people think of me if I do this, or look what I am about to do. Spend time praying with your Group against the two obstacles that each of us face. Pray that each of you will be able to overcome the obstacles knowing that God is the ultimate victor and all things are possible with Him. Also spend some time praying for God to reveal the steps He is calling each of you towards in order to do your specific part.

Next Steps

God had revealed to Joshua the next steps for the Israelites to follow, but they still had to make the conscious decision to follow through in action. Maybe God is calling you to go deeper in your relationship with Him, and this could look like many different things. Our Groups are starting to get back into the swing of things and maybe your next step is to join a group, or maybe you've already joined a group and your next steps could be to have a conversation about what it means to be baptized. Maybe you're feeling called to serve in some capacity, we would love to have a conversation with you about going through getting started. Whatever you feel as if you are being called to, take a step in the direction of growing deeper in relationship with Christ.