

1. On the surface, it appears that Caesar is in **absolute control**, ordering the movements of people from far off corners of his empire. Yet there are clues that another hand is at **work** in and through these events.
2. God's timing is **perfect**. He is never **late** and he is never early. God is **right** on time.
3. No one can claim **credit** for the salvation that comes through Jesus Christ... other than **God**. This is his initiative, his sacrifice, and his purpose.

Application

- Go and Tell.
- External peace is not possible without internal peace.
- Turn to Jesus.

Message questions

1. Are you tempted to question God's authority given the circumstances of our current culture? What emotions does that invoke? How do you find peace in those times?
2. When was the last time you shared the truth of the Gospel with someone? How can you continue doing so or do so on a more regular basis?
3. Can you think of a time when you questioned God's timing but can now reflect and see how His plan was better than yours?

Session 5

1. Can you draw and explain the illustration to this point in the series? Take a few minutes to draw it and explain it to someone sitting near you.
2. Numbers 13 recounts the spies exploring the land with the majority returning full of fear. Share with the group what truths of Scripture you lean on in order to minimize the temptation to allow the fears of this world to overcome your trust in God.
3. See Joshua 4:1-7 The Israelites made a pile of stones as a reminder of God's work so they could remember it themselves and tell their children. While we do not typically make memorials like this ourselves today, how do you make sure to recount the goodness of God in your life to your children or those around you? If you don't, how could you?
4. Soldiers died in Ai because of the sins of a man who was not in the battle. Personal sin seldom impacts only the sinner. Have you considered the potential impacts of ongoing sin in your life on others or do you believe it only impacts you? Have you been on the receiving end of others' sinful patterns that they thought only affected them?

