

THE BOOK OF

JOSHUA

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Joshua 7: Can we trust God's Judgment?

Small group questions

1. **Understanding the Context: Read Joshua 6:18-19.** What were the specific instructions God gave to the Israelites regarding the treasures of Jericho, and why were these instructions important?
2. **Reflection on Sin: Read Joshua 7:20-21.** Why do you think Achan chose to disobey God's clear command regarding the treasures of Jericho?
3. **God's Omniscience: Read Psalm 33:13-15 and Hebrews 4:13.** What do these scriptures tell us about God's awareness of human actions and thoughts?
4. **Collective Responsibility: Read Joshua 7:24-25.** Achan's entire family suffered because of his sin. What does this teach us about the concept of collective responsibility in a community?
5. **Justice and Mercy: Read Deuteronomy 32:4 and Psalm 89:14.** Discuss the justice of God in the punishment of Achan and his family. How do you reconcile this with God's attributes of love and mercy?
6. **Sin's Broader Impact: Read Joshua 7:4-5.** How did Achan's sin affect the entire nation of Israel, particularly in their battle against Ai?
7. **The Nature of Rebellion: Read Isaiah 14:12-15.** How does this passage about Satan's rebellion illustrate C.S. Lewis's idea of the essence of sin being the enthronement of self over God?
8. **Message to the World: Read Romans 6:23.** How should Christians balance the message of sin and judgment with the message of grace and salvation in their evangelism?
9. **Lessons from Joshua 7: Read Ecclesiastes 12:13-14.** What personal lessons can you draw from Joshua 7 about obedience, accountability, and the fear of God?
10. **Final Reflections: Read Romans 5:8-9.** How does the story of Achan ultimately point us to Jesus and the cross?