



God Fights for His People

June 21, 2020

Reading/Group Discussion

Begin with prayer (5 minutes)

As you begin your gathering, have someone open your time together by praying the Holy Spirit would lead and guide your time together.

Read this overview

The book of Joshua is an exhilarating book filled with stories of courage, faith, and the miraculous provision of God. It continues the story of the people of Israel as they journey to inherit the land that God promised them.

This past weekend Gary taught us from Joshua 5, 6, and 10 about how the Israelites conquered Jericho. After marching around the city for seven days straight, the walls came crashing down and the Israelites won their first major battle in the Promised Land. None of this would have ever happened without God's presence, power, and provision.

As we dive into our conversation today, we'll discuss how God can use the people we'd least expect to take new ground in our world for Jesus and his kingdom.

Scripture + Discussion

Have someone read **Joshua 6:1-27**. Then, talk through the questions below.

Here are a few questions to guide this time:

- How did this sermon deepen your faith? How did it challenge you?
- Just as Joshua and the Israelites had to fight the battle at Jericho, we too have battles in our own lives. What battle(s) are you currently facing in your life?
- It surely would have been intimidating to come up against a fortified city like the Israelites did. If it weren't for God, victory would have been hard to come by. What are "walls" in your life that seem too tall to fall? To put it another way, what situations are you facing that seem impossible to overcome?

- God's presence, power, and pattern are all showcased in these verses. Out of those three points, which do you resonate most with? Why? What is an example of God's presence, power, or pattern in your life?
- Out of the three points above, which do you have the least amount of experience with? Explain.
- As you sit and think, how might God be doing the greatest of things in the least likely of ways in your life right now?

Spiritual Practice Debrief

On Day Five of this week's devotionals, we introduced a spiritual practice called "Praying Around Our Strongholds." Your group may be meeting before this day or after.

If you meet *before* this day in the devotionals, spend time prepping as a group for this practice and plan a time to debrief it with one another.

If you meet *after* this day in the devotionals, spend time having each person share what it was like to engage with this practice. Then, have each person in your group share one of their memorial stones and why it's significant to them.

Finish with prayer

You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.