

Discipleship Notes 1: September 2020

“The Walls Fall Down”

Joshua 6 & 7

Welcome Back!

Take some time to review the Summer with group members. What was a highlight for people?

Take some time, as a group, to pray for one another.

Welcome:

This week we are looking at an incident from the history of Israel. Led by Joshua, the people are conquering the land God had promised to them. It is a journey that has some amazing highpoints – alongside some very difficult low points. Joshua, son of nun, has previously been Moses’ assistant. Joshua knew it took more than human skills and strengths to lead this people. If strongholds like Jericho were to be overcome, then the Lord would have to step in.

Read: Joshua 1: 1-9

- Why might Joshua have felt nervous about taking on this leadership role?
- List some of the difficulties Joshua, and the people of Israel, were facing?
- What promises does God make to Joshua? How might these have encouraged and empowered Joshua?
- Are there lessons from these verses for us as we face varied challenges?

Read: Joshua 5: 13-6:25

- Who does Joshua meet near Jericho? Why is this significant?
- What instructions does Joshua receive from the LORD? Do these instructions sound like a good plan?

- What are the people of Israel required to do?
- What happens to Jericho and its inhabitants? How does this make you feel?
- Why is Rahab spared? What happens to her family line?

Reading: Joshua 7: 1-26

- Describe what went wrong
- The defeat of Jericho was an amazing victory. Why do you think things went so wrong, so quickly?
- How is this 'sin' dealt with? Why?
- What stops God's people being effective today?

Prayer Pointers:

- Pray for our church leaders and the decisions required as we face this 'new' season
- We remember those who have started back at school along with their teachers and other school workers.
- We pray Christians facing persecution in nations today.