

JOSHUA 6:1-14 (CONTEXT)

- › How was Jericho described in verse 1? What challenges did this situation create for Joshua and the Israelites?
- › The Lord told Joshua that the city was “handed over” or delivered to them. Why did God use the past tense when the Israelites had not yet conquered the city?
- › How does Joshua’s order given to the people compare to the instructions God gave Joshua? What does that tell you about Joshua?
- › Why was the ark of the Lord marched around the city? What was the significance of the ark?

JOSHUA 6:15-21

- › How do you think the soldiers felt as they marched silently? Explain.
- › Why did they have to march so much—thirteen times total, once per day for six days and seven times the last day? What did that require of them?
- › What was Joshua to do with the city of Jericho and its inhabitants (vv. 17-18)? Who in Jericho did God command the Israelites to spare?

JOSHUA 6:22-25

- › In what ways did God keep His promises? Why is it important to understand that God keeps His promises?

CENTRAL TRUTH

God will accomplish all His purposes—our role is to obey.

NOW WHAT?

- › Why does living on mission for God require faith? Why does it require obedience?
- › What are some of God's purposes for your life that you know from Scripture? What distracts you from focusing on and living out these purposes?
- › What can you learn from the Israelites conquest of Jericho in terms of trusting God and living in obedience to Him?
- › In what areas of your life is it most difficult for you to obey God? What is one step you will take this week to begin living in obedience to God?

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

- › **Dwell:** Read Ephesians 1:3-14. Take note of what the apostle Paul says about God's plans, purposes, and will. Take some time to consider God's purpose in saving you (v. 7) and the implications of this on your daily life. Look closely at verse 11 and consider how knowing that God works all things according to His purposes might give you confidence to live on mission for Him.
- › **Memorize:** Joshua 4:24
- › **Pray:** Thank God for being strong where you are weak. Thank Him for sending Jesus to die on the cross while you were His enemy because of your sin. Pray that you would grow to trust Him more so that you will live more faithfully and consistently on mission for Him.

KEEP ON DIGGING

Read the following verses. Then take notes about what each tells you about the importance of obedience to God and what He promises to those who obey Him in faith.

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| › Exodus 19:5 | › Ephesians 6:1-3 |
| › Deuteronomy 11:1 | › 2 Corinthians 10:5 |
| › John 14:15 | › James 1:25 |
| › Romans 1:5 | › Revelation 14:12 |