

LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Joshua 9-10:28

1. Joshua was misled and fooled by the Gibeonites "testimony".
 - a. What would've helped him get the insight and wisdom he needed to make a better decision?
 - b. In what ways have you been misled by someone's "testimony"?
 - c. Do you tend to seek God's wisdom only when you have doubt?
 - d. Why can't we always trust a person or ministry that used God's Word or speaks about God and Jesus?
2. Joshua ended up conquering 5 kings at once.
 - a. What was different about Joshua's approach in chapter 10 compared to chapter 9?
 - b. How did God use Joshua's mistake to speed up the process of conquering the Promised Land?
3. Joshua 9:14, "but did not ask counsel from the Lord."
Joshua 10:12, "Joshua spoke to the Lord."
 - a. Joshua's life was defined by listening to God, obeying God, and speaking to God. Why did he not "ask counsel" when dealing with the Gibeonites?
 - b. In what areas do you abandon prayer and try to handle things on your own?
 - c. How do you put into practice "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17)?
 - d. How do you think prayer and focus on God helped Joshua make the decision to spare the lives of the Gibeonites and honor the oath?
 - e. Could you have honored the oath made before God OR would emotion and anger have gotten the best of you?