

Crazy Faith

Group Guide:
Week 5

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- Do you consider yourself competitive? Why or why not?
- What does the word 'victory' mean to you?
- What's your favorite game?

INTRODUCTION

What does it mean to have crazy faith? Luckily, the Bible is full of examples of humans putting their trust in God and watching him do some really incredible things. Today we read about God giving the Israelites victory over Jericho.

READ & DISCUSS

READ: Joshua 5:13-6:14

DISCUSS:

- How does God re-align Joshua's perspective at the beginning of the passage? Why might this be important?
- What do you imagine the Israelite army might have felt and thought about Joshua's instructions in v6-14? How might it differ from what they expected?

READ: Joshua 6:15-27

DISCUSS:

- Recall the beginning of the story of Rahab in Joshua 2. How did she act in faith then? How is God showing his faithfulness to her in today's passage (Joshua 6)?
- What does the Israelites victory look like over Jericho?
- LEADERS NOTE: God's command to destroy every living thing in Jericho (v21, 24) is likely to bring up questions about his goodness. If this comes up, the Bible Project video about Joshua gives very helpful context. (Google "Bible Project Joshua" and it will pop up; watch minutes 3 to 7 for this topic.) This is a great opportunity to talk about how we approach hard or confusing moments in our Bible!

REFLECT & APPLY

DISCUSS:

- Have God's instructions to you ever seemed counter-intuitive? What do you do when that happens?
 - Where in your life do you need God's victory right now? How can you worship God while you wait for his victory in that area?
 - How does the gospel (Jesus' death and resurrection) impact how you see the areas where you need victory?
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PRAY

Pray that we would have our perspectives re-aligned with God's, the way Joshua's was at the beginning of this passage. Pray that we would have eyes to see and ears to hear God's instructions to us as we pursue victory over sin in our own lives, and that we would experience victory not in our own efforts but through Jesus.

Discipleship Check-In

- Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?