

Joshua 5-7 Fear the Lord

"It's my life and I have a right to choose what I want to do and not do!"
discuss

Read Joshua 5:1-12

1. Why is it necessary to circumcise a whole generation of Israelite men? Gen 17:7-14

2. Though the previous generation had been circumcised, what happened to them, and why?

Read Joshua 5:13-6:27.

3. Near Jericho, Joshua encounters a man standing in front of him with a sword. —what does His words means for the Israelites as they are conquering the Promised Land?

4. Why are Rahab and her family saved (2:8-13; 6: 17, 25)?

5. What does God (through Joshua) specifically tell Israel to do and not to do (vv. 17-19)? What ends up happening?

Read Joshua 7.

6. Why is God angry (vv. 11, 15)?

7. Why did Achan go wrong and how is he a model of how sin works (v20-21)?

8. Like Adam and Eve in the garden, Achan finds he can't hide from God. His sin is exposed and he ends up buried under "a great heap

of stones" (7:22-26). What would this Rock memorial in the Promised Land remind the Israelites?

9. What is the key difference between Rahab the non-Israelite and Achan the Israelite?

Implications

- Read Romans 6:23
 - Why is the gift of God in Jesus so necessary for our salvation?
- What surprising things does Rahab highlight: about salvation ?

about God's people?
- Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 together.
 - What dangers does the apostle Paul identify for Christians?
 - What might those look like for you today and how can you be alert to them and deal with them?

Give thanks and pray

- Thank God for his mercy in forgiveness, and for his grace in salvation.
- Spend time together confessing your sins, remembering what the Lord Jesus has done to free us from guilt and to bring us to God.