



Joshua: Are We There Yet? | Confronting Trouble

Joshua 6: 17-19 & 7: 1-26

1. If you're happy to, share a time in your life when everything was going well, then you experienced a 'bump in the road'. How did you deal with it? What did you learn?
2. Read Joshua 7: 1-9. Do you remember a time when you embarked on a significant course of events without praying about it first? Did the Lord bless your endeavour?
3. Andy said, "We have the potential to increase God's honour or bring shame upon his name in the eyes of the world by our actions and our faithfulness." Share examples of this in practice. Has anyone's opinion of God ever changed because of something you've said or done?
4. When things go wrong although you thought you were doing the right thing, what is your first instinct? Is it to blame yourself, others, or just circumstances? Are you ever tempted to blame God?
5. Read Joshua 6: 17-19, then 7: 10-26. Do you think it was fair that God held the whole nation of Israel responsible for one man's sin? Why do you think he did that?
6. God commanded that the whole city of Jericho was to be **devoted** to him, by being totally destroyed. Share how you feel about this concept. How easy is it to reconcile with our sense of moral compassion and justice, especially in war?
7. What are some of the things (ie idols) people of our culture worship today, instead of the living God? How can we keep ourselves from doing the same?
8. Is there any area of your life that you keep hidden from others? Maybe that you're tempted to think God does not see, or will not mind too much about if you say sorry. Spend some time contemplating those areas before asking God's forgiveness and help to shine his light in and help you give them over to him.
9. What does it mean to be a 'living sacrifice' (Ro 12: 1-2)? Do you see yourself in this way?
10. What's the application of these Scriptures for you today? How might your life look different tomorrow as a consequence of studying these words today?