

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 98 – April 8

Today's Readings:

Joshua 5 & 6

Psalm 42.6-11

Proverbs 13.19-21

Luke 9.18-36

1. Given the significance of circumcision being performed on the Israelite males at Gilgal, as described in Joshua 5.2-9, what spiritual importance does circumcision hold for the Israelites as they prepare to enter the Promised Land? How does this act symbolize their renewal of covenant commitment to God?
2. Explore the symbolism of the Israelites observing the Passover at Gilgal, as described in verses 10-12. How does the celebration of the Passover serve as a reminder of God's deliverance and faithfulness to his people? How can we incorporate the practice of remembrance into our own spiritual lives?
3. Discuss the importance of consecration and obedience in preparing for battle, as emphasized in verse 13. Why do you think the command to Joshua to remove his sandals is given, and what does it symbolize in terms of holiness and reverence for God's presence?
4. Considering Joshua's encounter with the commander of the Lord's army, as described in verses 13-15, who is this commander, and what significance does his presence hold for Joshua and the Israelites? How does this encounter reinforce the theme of God's presence and guidance throughout the conquest of Canaan?
5. Discuss the theme of God's provision and guidance during times of transition and change, as demonstrated by the cessation of manna once the Israelites had eaten the produce of the land,

as described in verse 12. How can we trust in God's provision and guidance during times of transition and change in our own lives?

6. How do the instructions given by God for the conquest of Jericho, as described in Joshua 6.1-5, demonstrate the importance of obedience and faithfulness in following God's commands? What lessons can we learn about trusting in God's unconventional methods for achieving victory in our own lives?
7. Discuss the significance of the Israelites' march around the walls of Jericho, as described in verses 6-14. How does this act of obedience and faithfulness demonstrate the Israelites' trust in God's power to deliver them? How can we cultivate a similar spirit of obedience and faithfulness in our own lives?
8. Reflect on the role of the priests carrying the ark of the covenant during the march around Jericho, as described in verses 6-14. How does their presence signify God's presence among his people and his faithfulness to his promises? How can we rely on God's presence and guidance in our own spiritual battles?
9. Discuss the importance of the Israelites' shouts of victory and the blowing of trumpets during the final march around Jericho, as described in verses 15-21. How do these actions signify their faith in God's deliverance and their anticipation of victory? How can we express our faith and trust in God's power in the face of obstacles and challenges?
10. Reflect on the destruction of Jericho and the sparing of Rahab and her family, as described in verses 22-25. What does this episode reveal about God's mercy and justice? How can we see God's redemptive work at play even in the midst of judgment?

11. How does the psalmist express his turmoil and distress in verses 6-7? What imagery does he use to describe his feelings of despair and longing for God's presence? How can we relate to these feelings in our own experiences of spiritual struggle?

12. Explore the psalmist's declaration of hope and trust in God, as described in verses 8-10. What sources of encouragement does he find in God's faithfulness and steadfast love? How can we cultivate a similar spirit of hope and trust in God's promises during times of difficulty and uncertainty?

13. Discuss the psalmist's prayer for deliverance and his resolve to praise God, as expressed in verse 11. How does he find strength and comfort in turning to God in prayer? How can we emulate his example of seeking refuge in God and offering praise even in the midst of adversity?

14. What does Proverbs 13.19 teach us about the fulfillment of desires and the importance of striving for what is good and upright? How can we discern between fleeting desires that lead to ruin and righteous ambitions that bring lasting joy and fulfillment?

15. Reflect on the contrast between the righteous and the wicked in verses 20-21. How do the company we keep and the influences we allow into our lives impact our character and behavior? How can we surround ourselves with wise and righteous companions who contribute to our growth and hold us accountable when necessary?

16. Discuss the consequences of righteousness and wickedness as described in verse 21. How do the choices we make and the paths we pursue ultimately affect our lives? How can we strive to walk in righteousness and integrity, knowing that it leads to blessings and favor from God?

17. What prompts Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ of God in verse 20? How does Jesus affirm Peter's confession, and what significance does this declaration hold for the disciples and their understanding of Jesus' identity and mission?

18. Explore the significance of Jesus' prediction of his suffering, death, and resurrection in verse 22. How do these events fulfill the prophecies of the Old Testament and demonstrate Jesus' role as the promised Messiah? How does Jesus' willingness to suffer and die for the salvation of humanity reflect God's love and grace?

19. Reflect on the theme of discipleship and self-denial in verses 23-27. What does it mean to take up one's cross daily and follow Jesus? How does Jesus challenge his disciples to prioritize their commitment to him above all else, even at the cost of personal comfort and security?

20. Discuss the transfiguration of Jesus, as described in verses 28-36. What significance does this event hold for Jesus and his disciples? How does the transfiguration reveal Jesus' divine glory and his fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets?

21. Reflect on the response of Peter, James, and John to the transfiguration in verse 32. How does their fear and awe at the sight of Jesus' glory reflect our own human response to encountering God's presence and majesty? How can we cultivate a deeper reverence for God and a greater awareness of his glory in our lives?

22. Which passage in today's reading impacted you the most? Is there a verse you would like to memorize and/or meditate on today?