Calvary Oro Valley

Wed. Night Discipleship Group Study

Wednesday, November 18th, 2026

Joshua Study #8

Joshua 8:1-35

1. **Verses 1-9**
    a. After Israel's defeat at Ai, God tells Joshua not to fear or be discouraged. What does this teach us about God's willingness to restore us after failure?
    b. God gave Joshua specific instructions for taking Ai. How important is it that we follow God's direction rather than relying on our own understanding?
2. **Verses 10-23**
    a. Joshua carefully carried out the plan God had given him. What do you notice about the importance of preparation and obedience?
    b. How does Israel's victory at Ai contrast with their previous defeat in chapter 7?
3. **Verses 24-29**
    a. What does the destruction of Ai teach us about the seriousness of God's judgment?
4. **Verses 30-35**
    a. Joshua built an altar to the LORD and offered sacrifices. Why is it important that Israel responded to victory with worship?
    b. After their victory, Joshua built an altar and read God's Law before all Israel. What does this teach us about the importance of worship and keeping God's Word central in our lives?

Helpful Bible Study Resources:

- **Pastor David Guzik** – Visit www.enduringword.com and click on "Commentary" at the top of the page for verse-by-verse insights.
- **Blue Letter Bible** – Go to www.blueletterbible.org to read or listen to various commentaries (like Chuck Smith and J. Vernon McGee), explore multiple Bible translations, and use Strong's Concordance for original Hebrew and Greek word meanings.
- **Pastor Jon Courson** – Access his teachings at www.joncourson.com. On the left-hand side, click "Topical and Expositional Teachings Sorted by Bible Book" to find his verse-by-verse commentary.
- **Bible Hub** – Visit www.biblehub.com to explore classic commentaries from well-known Bible teachers. Just enter your scripture passage in the search bar at the top.
- **Crosswalk** – Another valuable site for Bible study and commentaries: www.crosswalk.com.

How to Study God's Word Effectively:

Remember the simple yet powerful approach we've learned:

1. Soak in the Passage
    - Read the passage multiple times. Each time, pray and ask God to speak to you—inviting His Spirit to give you insight, clarity, and understanding.
2. Follow the O.I.A. Method:
    - Observation – Write down everything you notice in the text, even the simplest details. Don't overlook the obvious—just note what you see.
    - Interpretation – What do those observations mean? Seek to understand the message and context of what you've written down.
    - Application – Based on what you've read and understood, how does this truth apply to your life? What is God calling you to believe, change, or do?