



Joshua

HOME GROUP SUNDAY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER – If you could take shelter in any kind of “fortress” for a week (a castle, bunker, cabin in the woods, etc.) what would you choose and why?

- What stood out to you most from today’s service?
- When people critique Christianity based on conquest passages like Joshua 8, do you now feel better equipped to respond or what questions do you still have?
- How does seeing the seriousness of God’s judgment deepen your appreciation for His mercy and grace toward you?

READ AS A GROUP

One of the reasons passages like Joshua 8 feel so difficult to us is because of the lens we bring as modern Western readers. We tend to assume God’s love and struggle with His judgment. But in many parts of the world, especially places marked by injustice, violence, and oppression, people don’t struggle with the idea that God judges evil. Instead what they wrestle with is whether God could truly be merciful and gracious. What this shows us is that no single culture naturally sees God clearly. We all have blind spots. Some of us minimize His justice, others might miss His mercy. Yet, the Bible holds both together perfectly. God is not partly loving and partly just. He is fully both at the same time.

WRAP UP BY PRAYING THAT GOD WOULD GIVE YOU A FULLER, CLEARER PICTURE OF WHO HE IS (HIS JUSTICE AND HIS GRACE) AND DEEPEN YOUR TRUST IN HIM, EVEN WHEN YOU DON’T UNDERSTAND HIS WAYS.