

God working for us

Joshua 6:1-5

9-13-15

1. Pastor Jim mentioned that God is working with us when we are working. How have you seen God at work with you this week in your work, school, or leisure activities? Take some time to reflect on this with your group.
2. Read Joshua 6:1-5. How is the battle of Jericho different from all the other battles Israel will face and why is this significant?
3. Pastor Jim mentioned that the battle of Jericho is an example of God fighting for Israel through prayer. What does Jesus say about persistent prayer in Luke 18:1-8? Why is it so important that we do not give up and cease praying even when we have not seen results? (See Daniel 10:1-13).
4. How has God shown Himself to be faithful through prayer in your life? Think of a specific time when God answered your prayers and share your experience with your group.
5. Do you think that Israel was ever tempted to jump ahead of God and start the attack on Jericho rather than march around the city? Do you ever feel the need to jump ahead of God and do *His* work? Why is that? Why is it so difficult to wait on God?
6. The idea of waiting in the Bible is not a state of inactivity as some may think of it. Read Psalm 27:14 and Isaiah 40:30-31. What is the promise for those who wait and hope in the Lord in their season of waiting for answered prayer?
7. Take the next week to participate in the Jericho project. Identify a Jericho-type assignment in your life and set aside time every morning this week to pray for God to work for you in ways that only He can. Be sure to celebrate anything He has done along the way. At the end of the week be sure to share testimonies with your group of how God answered your prayers and praise Him for the work He has done!