

## “Inquiring of God”

Joshua 9:14

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1. Joshua 9:14 mentions that the Israelites failed to inquire of the Lord. How does God feel when we don't ask him for guidance? (Read 1 Chronicles 10:13-14; Isaiah 8:19; Isaiah 30:1-2; Zephaniah 1:4-6; and James 4:13-14).
2. What are some of the reasons we don't inquire of God? Have you ever examined the evidence for a decision and thought that there was no need to inquire of God? How did that decision turn out?
3. Can you describe a time when you took a job, chose a college, entered into a business transaction, etc., only to find that you were not given all the information or maybe intentionally lead astray? Do you think that those decisions would have turned out differently if you had prayed or prayed *more* about it?
4. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. Why is it that we are not supposed to rely on our own human wisdom even when it seems like we have plenty of experience and wisdom in that area?
5. Pastor Jim mentioned that God will use whatever Scripture we are reading and meditating on to speak to us. When and how have you experienced this? Did he call you to do something and if yes, were you obedient?
6. Take time to pray with your group. Read James 5:16-17 aloud. Reflect on the power of prayer and then begin to “inquire of the Lord” as a group.