

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Never Been Here Before: Joshua, Part Three

January 20 & 23, 2022



1. Who is the most intimidating person you have ever met?
2. Who is the “man” that stands in front of Joshua (5:13)? Is the commander in 5:13-15 the same as “the LORD” in 6:2? Compare our passage with Genesis 16:7-11 and 16:13.
3. Why does the “commander” tell Joshua to take off his sandals (5:15)? How does the compare to Moses’ encounter with the “burning bush” (Ex 3:5)?
4. The “commander” says that he is neither for Israel, nor for her enemies (5:14). Is there a lesson to be learned here?

Do you expect God to be on your side, or is it more important to be on his side?

How can you grow in this area?

5. As God’s battle plan is carried out, is there any aspect that seems a little strange? What are some possible reasons for God’s unorthodox battle plan (6:3- 5)?
6. Have you ever felt God was calling you to do something that didn’t make sense? What? Did it eventually make sense?
7. What lessons should Israel learn from the fall of Jericho?
8. Why is Jericho and everything in it to be devoted to the Lord (6:17)?
9. Why is Rahab’s family spared (6:17, 22-25)? What does God’s willingness to spare Rahab’s family reveal about the nature

of God?

10. Do you think Rahab had her doubts as to whether or not she would survive as the walls collapsed around Jericho?
11. The spies kept their promise to Rahab. Can people take you at your word?
12. What will happen to anyone who rebuilds Jericho (6:26)? See 1 Kings 16:34. Why do you suppose God applied the curse to Jericho with the utmost strictness?
13. How do God’s instructions and our actions work together?
14. What stands in the way of you experiencing the fullness of God’s promises to you?

What will you do when you run into a wall?