

Women's Bible Study
Discussion Questions

Joshua 6

1. **Trust** is a major theme in the book of Joshua. In whom or what do the Israelites trust? In whom or what do the people of Jericho trust?
2. In vs. 2-7, the Lord describes to Joshua how he and the Israelites are to capture the city of Jericho. What is God teaching His people by commanding them to take Jericho in this way? Have you ever been in a situation where obeying God seemed to be foolish or even dangerous? How did you respond?
3. Verses 17 and 22-23 describe how Joshua and his men honored their commitment to save Rahab and her family before destroying Jericho. What does their keeping their promise to Rahab teach us about how God keeps His promises to us? What does Rahab's faith teach the Israelites and us about who is welcomed into God's kingdom?
4. Verse 17 says that the entire city of Jericho and everyone in it was to be "devoted to the Lord for destruction." Although such destruction can seem harsh, it is evidence of God's "judgment against the Canaanites' terrible sin" (ESV, p. 402). **Pillaging**, or ransacking a defeated city by the conquering army, was also an acceptable practice in biblical times. Describe how pillaging differs from being devoted to destruction. Why is it so important that God's people not profit from the destruction of Jericho?
5. After reviewing the passage, describe one instance when that God calls Joshua and the Israelites to obedience in a way that seem to you to be foolish, dangerous, or offensive. Commit to praying that the Lord will grow your faith and show you the wisdom of His way(s) in this area.