

Women's Bible Study
Discussion Questions

Joshua 7

As you approach this chapter, remember how much the Israelites trusted the Lord and explicitly followed his instructions in Joshua 6.

1. Look at Joshua's prayer in vs. 7-9. He is crying out to the Lord after a great defeat but doesn't yet realize why God allowed the defeat to happen. Have you ever suffered a painful defeat, only to realize after the fact that God had bigger plans at work? If so, what happened?
2. In a sentence or two describe Achan's sin. Consider what you have learned in Joshua 1-6 about the importance of obedience to the Lord. Then write down why you think Achan's sin brought corporate judgment on the Israelites.
3. Achan is not the only one who is impacted by his sin. Describe what happens to his family and to their possessions because he takes the "devoted things" for himself.
4. God's response to Achan's sin can seem severe to our modern ears but God is serious about our obedience and abhors our worship of idols because it may turn us from wholehearted devotion to Him. What types of things do you tend to worship more than Christ?
5. Read Isaiah 53 which describes Christ's sacrifice for sinful humanity. Write down 3-4 key thoughts from Joshua 7 that will remind you of God's love poured out for you on the cross.