

Women's Bible Study  
Discussion Questions

Joshua 9

1. What did the Israelites rely on as they made their decision about the Gibeonites? While God gives us our senses to be useful, what else do we need to be aware of while we make decisions? (See Ephesians 6:12, 18)
2. Are we to admire the Gibeonites? What are we to think about Joshua and the leaders of Israel? (See v. 11 but also Deuteronomy 20:10-11, 17)
3. Why don't the Israelites kill the Gibeonites once they learn about the Gibeonites' deception? Does their punishment fit their crime? What are the long-term consequences? (See 2 Samuel 21:1, Nehemiah 3:7)
4. Did the treaty with the Gibeonites please or displease Yahweh? How does the treaty that the Israelites made with the Gibeonites help you understand how we, as Christians, can relate to non-Christians and yet preserve our own religious identity?
5. Contrast the reactions of Rahab and the Gibeonites to the Israelites. How do these stories compare to your own story of redemption?