

Southwest Life Groups

A Place to Belong...A Place to Transform

December 4th, 2009

Focus: To discuss the implications of God's people not obeying Him completely.

The Book of Joshua Doing it His Way Our Ours-- Lesson #12

Introduction: I once heard a sermon in which the preacher said these words, “Our job as Christ followers is to read the red words of Jesus, believe the red words, and do the red words.” Begin tonight with a discussion about this statement.

- Describe what an individual's life might look like that took Jesus at his word and simply obeyed.
- Compare and contrast the way we read scripture and follow Christ with the conversation you just had.

Text: Joshua 13-19- Much of the rest of the book of Joshua is about the division of the land of Canaan. We won't spend much time here but there are a handful of significant things we want to look at.

- Peruse these chapters and discuss any significance you see, or lack thereof.
- Discuss the emotions of the journey these people have been on, from the slavery in Egypt until this day as they begin to see the promises of God fulfilled.
- Assess how all of this fighting must have affected these people.
- Read 13:13, 15:63, 16:10, Judges 1:21, 27-33...how might this be significant?
- How will not obeying the Lord 'completely' affect this nation in the years to come?

Application: These people must be tired of fighting. They wanted to obey the Lord but they wanted peace. Therefore, they did not finish the job and it cost the nation!

- Are there parts of your life where you are knowingly not obeying God?
- How does fatigue play into your spiritual life? Discuss the implications.
- Are there 'red words' you believe we need to give ourselves to more passionately?
- What can we learn about ourselves from by watching the Israelites on this journey?