



SDG Discussion Guide

Joshua 10:1-15

June 30, 2019

For Starters:

If you could save one day of your life in a bottle to live over and over again, what day would it be?

If you had a 30-hour day at your disposal tomorrow, how would you spend it?

Guideline: The following is meant to provide an approach for further interaction with the respective sermon text and surrounding passage. Feel free to forward to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find this write up in print on that Sunday.

First, as you can, read aloud the selected passage in your group. If you have time, read it aloud a second time - from a different Bible translation.

Before you begin your discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together and prayed, what points and questions arise? Spend plenty of time in your group to address these points and questions. Explore and see how God may steer the discussion. The following are further questions you may use to guide your interaction with the text.

1. Imagine you are a reporter for the *Jerusalem Journal* of Joshua's day. What are the headline and opening sentence (the lead for a story) about Joshua's defeat of the Amorites?
2. Who are these people that attack Gibeon? Why do they do so?
3. How did Joshua and the people of God get involved? If you were Joshua, would you have helped the Gibeonites after their trickery in chapter 9?
4. How does the LORD encourage Joshua in his advance? Where have you heard similar words in the book of Joshua?
5. Where else does the LORD help the people of God in their struggle advancing into the new land? Can you think of possible explanations for the miracle in verse 13?
6. Who was actually responsible for Israel's victory? Why is this important in the story?
7. Who in your group do you feel you could call on for help in a tough spot?
8. What are you doing now that you wish God would give you more time to accomplish? If more time is not available but more workers would get the job done, is there a way your small group can help?

Spend plenty of time in prayer for one another. Pray as if you know God desires to be obedient unto you... about meeting you in the problem you face or will face... as if it is *His* problem. Ask Him for a glimpse of the hope beyond the struggle - to where He ultimately is bringing you. Pray *audaciously*... as if He wants to hear from you first and foremost this week. Expect He is willing to perform the miraculous.

Go forth. Be expectant. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*These questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).