

4. God commands the Israelites to wipe out six Canaanite groups during the conquest (Deuteronomy 20:16-18). In spite of that command, Rahab and her family are spared. Later in Joshua, the Gibeonites are also spared. What does this say about the command God gives and about the character of God?

**SERIES:** The Promised Land (Joshua & Judges)

**SERMON 2:** "Can We Trust Joshua's God?"

**TEXT:** Joshua 6:1-5, 20-23

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5. People often ask, "How could a loving God command his people to eliminate everyone in a city, including women and children?" God is indeed loving, but he is more than loving. How does the wisdom of God, the wrath of God against sin (his perfect justice), or other attributes of God impact his actions?

1. God's \_\_\_\_\_.

"The Old Testament rarely recalls the violent conquest, never glories in its goriness, and never promotes it as policy for the future." (Robert L. Hubbard, Jr.)

6. How does God demonstrate his patience throughout the Bible and in your life (see Romans 3:21-26)?

2. God's \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Looking back over this week's sermon, DailyLife, and this study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply?

2 Peter 3: 9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

3. God's \_\_\_\_\_.

Deuteronomy 20: <sup>18</sup> that they may not teach you to do according to all their abominable practices that they have done for their gods, and so you sin against the Lord your God.

4. God's \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Peter 3:9-10; Romans 3:26

God sees the supply chain of the atrocities committed in our world, and he traces them back to you and to me.

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Joshua 6

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Describe a time in our life where you had a crisis of faith. Maybe you questioned the truth of Scripture or the love of God or the message of the gospel. (Answering this question in your small group will be totally voluntary. No one will call on you to share your answer.)

3. Read Joshua 6. What do you think God was trying to teach the Israelites through these unusual actions (e.g., marching around the city, blowing trumpets, etc.)?