



J O S H U A

FAITH IN THE GOD OF PROMISE

INTRO

- Have you ever received something amazing that you didn't deserve?
- Why do you think you were given that gift if you didn't actually deserve it?
- *In Joshua 10 the Israelites watch God fight for them when they did not deserve it. But before you dive into Josh. 10 back up to Joshua 8 and 9 to see why.*

THEN

First recap Joshua 8-9 before moving on to Joshua 10 – as you do, emphasize how the Israelites actions have good and bad repercussions.

Read Joshua 8:1-2

- What does God command Joshua and the Israelites to do?
- What does He promise them?
- *When God commands the Israelites and they choose to trust and obey Him, they are victorious.*

Read Joshua 9:3-6 and Joshua 9:14-15 – Gibeon was located only 7 miles south of Ai and Bethel

- What did the Gibeonites ask of the Israelites?
- What is the significance of the covenant the Israelites made with them?
 - o Considered a peace treaty or an alliance. Promised that Israel would fight for the Gibeonites if necessary.
- Do you see anything wrong with the way the Israelites handled the situation with the Gibeonites?
 - o They did not ask for God's guidance and were deceived.
- What do you think the Israelites did when they realized they had been tricked?

Read Joshua 10:1-5

- What happens in these verses? Why do you think this happens?

Read Joshua 10:6-9

- What do the Gibeonites do when the 5 Kings and their armies come to fight against them?
- How do you see the Israelites respond?

Read Joshua 10:10-15

- What happens in the battle of the Amorite Kings and the Israelites?
- God continued to fight for the Israelites, despite their lack of faith in Him in Joshua 9
 - Why do you think He still fought for them?
- What do you learn about God from this passage?
 - o How does this change your view of Him?

NOW

Read 2 Timothy 2:13

- Can you think of a time that you've seen God's faithfulness to you when you didn't deserve it?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

- The Israelites fight against the Amorite kings would have been hopeless without God stepping in to fight for them. What kinds of similarities do you see between yourself and the Israelites?
- What kind of gift did God give you and I? Why do you think He chose to do that?
- God, knowing we would be faithless at times, faithfully sent Jesus to fight for us, so we could have a relationship with Him.
 - o Have everyone write down one thing they feel like they have been lacking faith in and one way they could be faithful in it. Split the group up into partners and have them share what they wrote down. Then have them pray for each other.