

**week five** | LIFE GROUPS GUIDE

**uncharted victory | joshua 5-6**

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**TEACHING AND TESTIMONY VIDEO**

**Play Teaching and Testimony Video for Week 5** and share reflections from the video afterwards. Then pray for this testimony before you begin the rest of the lesson.

**OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

**01** Have you ever followed a plan that seemed like it wouldn't work but was successful? How did that change your view of the one who made the plan?

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**02** When is a time you sacrificed control so that what you were doing would be successful?

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**03** Have you ever been changed by a sacrifice you've made?

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**FURTHER DISCUSSION FROM SCRIPTURE:**

Read each Scripture passage below and discuss the questions as a group. You may want to have each group member journal their answer first in the lines provided below before discussing together, as a means of encouraging all to participate more deeply.

## **UNCHARTED VICTORY ONLY COMES FROM FOLLOWING GOD**

### **JOSHUA 6:1-20**

Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. Then the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in." So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant of the Lord and have seven priests carry trumpets in front of it." And he ordered the army, "Advance! March around the city, with an armed guard going ahead of the ark of the Lord."

When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before the Lord went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of the Lord's covenant followed them. The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. All this time the trumpets were sounding. But Joshua had commanded the army, "Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!"

So he had the ark of the Lord carried around the city, circling it once. Then the army returned to camp and spent the night there. Joshua got up early the next morning and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets went forward, marching before the ark of the Lord and blowing the trumpets.

The armed men went ahead of them and the rear guard followed the ark of the Lord, while the trumpets kept sounding. So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days.







**2.** Joshua and his people were asked to do major things for the Lord, major sacrifices that were made and hardships that were endured for the sake of honoring God’s call. When you think about what will be required of you to surrender, to sacrifice in this Uncharted season, why are you willing to do it? What motivates you to sacrifice in a significant way for God for the sake of leading more people to find and follow Jesus?

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**3.** Turn for a minute to Joshua Chapter 24. This is a powerful piece of Joshua’s story. In this chapter, Joshua recaps the history of the Israelites and in verse 15 says, “But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then you choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” It is incredible how Joshua in this not only makes a proclamation for himself but also his household. Joshua knew the victories from his lifetime would extend generations down his family line. How will your Uncharted journey proclaim who you and your household serve?

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**JESUS BOLDLY  
SURRENDERED  
IT ALL FOR  
THE JOY SET  
BEFORE HIM**



**4.** Something to remember as we read through the story of Joshua is that Jesus had not come yet as an atoning sacrifice for the world. As we are reminded in the passage above, when Jesus came and the gospel story was fulfilled, He literally paid for the sins of the whole world - of every single woman and man - so that people in cities would not have to be destroyed by God as a result of their sin. But God demonstrates to us the whole bulk of the stories in the Old Testament like this one with Joshua to remind us that it is important for us to pray bold prayers, even in the unknown, believing God will act on our prayers in accordance with His Word. Would you say you are a person of big belief in what God can do, even when the path is uncharted? Do you pray these types of prayers?

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**5.** This Uncharted journey is not about raising 32 million dollars. Any of us who still think that have totally missed the point. This Uncharted journey is about 100% of us going before God and determining what a bold, believing faith into the unknown, a humble spirit, and a surrendered heart looks like as it relates to our generosity. It's about creating a legacy that reaches beyond ourselves. It is about 100% of us laying it on the line for God and holding nothing back. Is this what you are doing for Uncharted? Is this how you have been thinking about your giving? Are you going to believe big that God is going to use you to help bring people to Him in ways He has never done before in your life? Reflect on this and share your heart, thoughts, nervousness, excitement, and prayers with your group as it relates to this.

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