



JOSHUA SERIES – PART 4

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WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **My King Forever** (*Bethel Music*)
- **We Fall Down** (*Bethel Music*)
- **The King Is In The Room** (*Phil Wickham*)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Joshua 7
- Genesis 3:2-6
- Acts 5:1-11
- Proverbs 4:4-26

OPENING PRAYER

Begin your session with a prayer, asking God to open your hearts and minds to His Word and the lessons from this sermon.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Our individual sins can have far-reaching consequences that affect others.
2. The pattern of sin often follows: seeing, coveting, taking, and hiding.
3. Temptation often comes at crucial moments of blessing or new beginnings.
4. God's Word provides guidance and protection against sin.
5. We are part of the body of Christ, and our actions impact the whole community.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The sermon highlights that "the consequence of our sin reaches farther than we know." How have you seen this play out in your own life or in the lives of others?
2. Discuss the parallels between Achan's sin and the fall in the Garden of Eden. What similarities do you see in the progression of temptation and sin?
3. How does the concept of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 26) relate to the story of Achan? How should this impact our view of personal sin?
4. Pastor Brian mentions the importance of "establishing devotion to the Lord ahead of time." What are some practical ways we can do this in our daily lives?
5. How can we better equip ourselves and others (especially young people) to recognize and resist temptation?
6. Reflect on Proverbs 4. What stands out to you about the importance of wisdom and instruction?

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

1. Identify areas in your life where you might be vulnerable to temptation. Create a plan to establish devotion to God in these areas.
2. Memorize a key verse from Proverbs 4 to help you focus on seeking wisdom and avoiding sin.
3. This week, before making decisions, pause to consider how your choices might impact others in your faith community.
4. Commit to regularly studying God's Word as a means of protection against temptation.
5. Share with the group one specific way you plan to "guard your heart" this week.

CLOSING PRAYER

Thank God for His Word and ask for His strength to resist temptation and live in a way that honors Him and benefits the body of Christ.