

Sermon Discussion Questions

What's Troubling You?

Joshua 6:26-7:26

March 10, 2019

1. In the opening testimony you heard how God carried Todd Schroeder when his dad died. Do you have any stories of how God carried you through a hard time?

2. Have you ever felt like God was not there for you? Have you ever had anyone say something to you that would indicate they felt like God was not there for them? Share the story and how you dealt with it.

3. Joshua 7:11, God said Israel had sinned. They made a deal (Joshua 1:8; 6:17-19) and they broke the deal. Why do you think we hide even though we know that God knows?
 - a. When we sense someone is hiding their sin from us should we pressure them to share with us their sin? Why or why not?

4. Joshua said to Achan, "My son..." (Joshua 7:19). Given the tone of that verse, can you see the kind of leader Joshua was? Describe what you see. What qualities can we apply to our lives as we lead in different capacities?

5. Achan confessed (Joshua 7:20-21). What is it about confession that seems so good and right?
 - a. Yet, justice was carried out (Joshua 7:22-25). What did you think about the explanation of upholding and carrying out justice while never stepping away from grace (remember Jeremy's brother-in-law who is a judge—how he practices justice and grace)? If you had to describe how you uphold justice and grace—how do you do it? (Can you think of a time when you had to practice both?)
 - b. Give Faith Church a grade (A-F) on how well we confront trouble with courage (do we give both grace and justice). How might we improve on this?

6. Joshua 7:26 indicates that God was ready to move forward with the Israelites. Is there anything in your life that you keep holding onto that God is saying to you, "It's been dealt with, let's not keep going back there—let's go forward"?