



**Bible Study Guides**

**Introductory Lesson**

**Book of Joshua**

*(Joshua 1-7)*

Compiled by and for: ANOC Int'l



*Note: This material is NOT FOR SALE and for ANOC Int'l Oikos Cell Groups consumption only. These questions are taken from **The Complete BIBLE DISCUSSION GUIDE** by Mack Thomas.*

## **QUESTIONS TO ASK AS YOU STUDY EACH CHAPTER:**

- Ø Since the ultimate aim of Bible study is *to know God better*, what does this chapter tell me about God's character and personality?
- Ø Since God has given me the Bible to change my life, what needed corrections or adjustments in my habits or character come to mind as I explore this chapter?
- Ø In this chapter, what are...  
the key verses, the key phrases, the key words?  
the key points or principles—*and how do they work in my life?*
- Ø In this chapter, do I see any...  
commands to obey?  
promises to claim?  
standards to live by?  
examples to learn from?
- Ø What three-to-six word title could I give to this chapter, to help me remember its teaching?

### **EVERYONE'S BEST PREPARATION for Discussing Each Chapter:**

*Read the chapter... reread it... and reread it again.*

## QUESTIONS TO ASK AS YOU BEGIN YOUR STUDY OF EACH BOOK:

- Ø If you're already familiar with this book, which passages are your favorite parts of it?
- Ø If this were the only book in the Bible you knew about or had access to, what things could you still find out about God?
- Ø As you scan this book, what *types* of Bible literature does it appear to contain? (You may want to review together the different types, such as those listed here:)
  - poetry
  - historical or biographical narrative (a record of people and events)
  - teaching or sermons
  - laws or covenant agreements
  - parables (short stories and word pictures with a moral point)
  - proverbs (short, wise sayings)
  - prophecy (statements from God about the present and future)
- Ø What appear to be the main divisions in this book?
- Ø From what you understand about this book, *who* wrote it (and when), and for what *original audience* was it written?
- Ø From what you see in looking over this book, what would you say the author was trying most to accomplish?
- Ø Which chapter in this book would you say is the key chapter, the one that best summarizes or reflects or unlocks the meaning of the entire book?

- Ø From what you see in looking over this book, what kinds of answers and guidelines and solutions in life do you think we can reasonably expect to find in this book?
- Ø What four- to six-word title would you give to this book, to best summarize its content and significance?
- Ø When you get to heaven, if you asked God, "Why did You include this book in the Bible?" how do you think He would answer?

## GUIDELINES FOR GREATER EFFECTIVENESS IN YOUR OIKOS CELL GROUP DURING BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSION

- Ø ***Remember to pray***, both as you read and prepare, and later as you meet together and talk. Admit the truth: You really do depend on God's Holy Spirit to make the Word come alive in your mind and heart, so request His help. He *is* your teacher, and He will guide you into truth. (Pray for each other as well. The spiritual war rages, and each Christian's life is a battlefield.)
- Ø ***Don't dominate the discussion***. If necessary, keep asking yourself this question, and answering it honestly: *What do I enjoy more—presenting my own thoughts, or getting others more involved in discovering and discussing what the Bible says?*
- Ø ***Keep your focus on the Scriptures***. If you keep digging in with an honest desire for discovery, you'll *never* exhaust the Bible's treasures. It's natural for a group's discussion to occasionally wander down rabbit trails. Stay aware of that, and when it happens, speak up to restore the group's focus on the passage at hand. Then you'll often be surprised at the power Scripture has to quickly put tangents into true perspective.

- Ø Don't get so wrapped up in *interpreting* what a passage might mean that you overlook two more important aspects of Bible study: (1) *simply seeing what the passage has to say*, and (2) *applying its message directly to your life*. Nothing kills effective Bible study more than the neglect of these two simple goals.
- Ø ***Truly encourage one another.*** Show your genuine excitement when others relate their discoveries in God's Word. Respond in the same way Jesus would if He were bodily present in your group — for these are the voices of His children as they encounter the Scriptures that testify of Him.

## **PLEASE DO OBSERVE THIS PATTERN:**

**WORSHIP TIME:** (10 min)

**FOCUS:** Us to God

**AIM:** To focus our attention as individuals and as a group on the presence of the Lord Jesus

The **WORSHIP TIME** is meant to focus the hearts of the group away from themselves and onto God. This is often, but not exclusively done through singing worship songs. Worship is a chance for us to reflect on who God is and to speak the truth about Him to each other. **WORSHIP TIME** can be spent in a wide variety of ways, but keep 2 things in mind:

1. each person must be able to participate
2. the focus must be on the Lord Jesus

**WORD TIME:** (40 mins)

**FOCUS:** God to us

**AIM:** Allow God to minister to us as we study his word

The **WORD TIME** is based on a Biblical passage of the previous week's sermon or particular topic from the booklet provided. The goal is not Bible study or philosophical discussion, but instead a time where group members learn together what the Bible is teaching, as well as open up and share about their personal spiritual journeys.

**WORKS TIME:** (15 mins)

**FOCUS:** GOD TO OTHERS - THROUGH US

**AIM:** Allow God to reach and minister to others outside this group through us

The **WORKS TIME** is a time focusing on reaching others with the gospel of Christ. This includes a time of prayer with an expectation that

God is going to use us to reach our community for him. Along with a time of prayer, the group can spend together time creating strategies to reach those who do not know Christ, taking responsibility for one another's friends and family members (e.g., social and special outreach events). This time is essential to the dynamics of the group, making growth and multiplication the normal expectation.

**WOW TIME:** (30 mins)

**FOCUS:** *Serving One another*

**AIM:** This is the fellowship time where every individual will be enjoying the food being serve and Discipleship Levels will be worked with.

The **WOW TIME** is a time that most people are enjoying with but this should not the entire focus of the meeting. It is only part of the whole cell group meeting. From light snacks to heavy meal might be serve during the WOW time but is not compulsory for the host to serve an extravagant meal. Other members may also bring food aside from the meal serve by the host. Visitors will be entertained during this time and Oikos Cell System (*both Leadership and Discipleship*) will be introduced to them.

In this time Discipleship level are also given priority so that the members can complete their Discipleship Level goals.



## WEEK 1: TRUSTING GOD IN LEADERSHIP

**WELCOME TIME:** (15 min)- Questions should be a simple question that can be answered in one minute or so. Download this application “Question Box” in PlayStore/Apps Store for more questions.

*Startup:* If you can, describe a time in the past when you knew a certain stage in your life was over, and you needed to press fully ahead into the next stage.

**WORSHIP TIME:** (10 min)- Testimonies and Singing

**WORD TIME:** (40 mins)- **READ Joshua 1:1-18**

1. What reason does God give Joshua and Israel for being strong and courageous? What would be the "secret" of their strength?
2. Think about all that has happened to Israel in the forty years prior to this chapter. What kind of emotions can you imagine the people experiencing when the officers gave them the instructions in verses 10-11?
3. What lessons do you think Israel has learned in the prior forty years in the wilderness?
4. For background information on verses 12-15, what do you see in Num 32:1-27?
5. Both God and the people of Israel told Joshua to be strong and brave. Discuss your thoughts on the following question: Do true leaders really need this kind of reminder?

6. From what you see in this chapter, how would you define good leadership, especially leading a cell group?
7. How would you define true courage? And how would you describe the source of true courage?
8. What do you need most in life: a calling or cause to give yourself to, or the courage to give yourself to a calling or cause that you've already received?
9. In what areas of life do you have a leadership role? As a leader, what needs for encouragement do you have?
10. What particular leadership role you might like to take in cell group if you will be given a chance?
  - a. Cell Leader- *Is the one leading the cell group of 3-12 members. Will automatically be the facilitator in the discussion when no one wants to take them.*
  - b. Intern for Administration-*he/she will be in-charge of making sure that the guests and members are welcome. He/she will take the attendance and other records, such as Discipleship or Leadership Completion, Candidates for Baptism, Healings, Soulwinners of the Quarter, Evangelists of the Quarter and other possible records.*
  - c. Intern for Discipleship-*He/she has to introduce Discipleship Level 1 and have them enroll to it and be introduced to the possible Discipler, making sure that everyone is working in their Discipleship Levels.*

- d. Intern for Leadership-*he/she will make sure that members have balanced roles to be taken during the next meeting. If necessary, will make sure that the Oikos Cell System will be introduced to the guests.*
- e. Intern for Promotion-*he/she will be promoting the Cell Group in Social Media and make sure to have guests in their next meeting and turn them to be members.*

11. Practically speaking, how does a person find strength and courage in God
12. How does this principle apply to your situation in beginning a new Oikos Cell group?
13. Assess the resources and challenges of your local community. What are your resources?  
(I) Resources might include:
  - a. a positive attitude toward the Bible
  - b. a cooperative spirit among denominations
  - c. people with leadership gifts and abilities
14. What are your challenges?  
(II) Challenges might include:
  - a. a general lack of interest
  - b. a strong denominational mindset
  - c. people's hesitancy to volunteer for leadership
15. Who is responsible for calling Joshua to rebuild the conquer the land?

16. Who was responsible for calling the following leaders to their respective tasks?
- a) Moses (Exodus 3:7-10)
  - b) David (1 Samuel 16:1, 11-13)
  - c) Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-9a)
  - d) Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:4-5)
  - e) John the Baptist (John 1:6-7)
  - f) Saul/Paul (Acts 26:12-18; 1 Timothy 1:1)
17. Who should be responsible for calling the leadership of your Oikos Cell Group?
18. What qualities should leaders possess (1 Timothy 3:1-13)?
19. What does the apostle Paul consider to be Timothy's most significant characteristics (2 Timothy 1:37)?
20. How does Paul's description of his own leadership (1 Thessalonians 2:3-12) add to the profile of a godly leader?

#### FOR GOING DEEPER

The name *Jesus* is the Greek form of the name *Joshua*. In what ways in this chapter do you see that Joshua was like Jesus Christ?

**WORKS TIME:** (15 mins)- Pray for someone's needs and Plan for Evangelism Strategy.

1. Pray for all prayer requests.

2. Plan for who will take the roles for the next meeting (MC, Worship Leader, Testimony Leader, Discussion Facilitator, Prayer Leader, etc.)
3. Plan for the Registering your Cell Group in ANOC Int'l. Collect all the information required for registration.
4. As you begin this study, it is important to note this is not simply a study of Joshua. While principles from Joshua that apply to starting an Oikos Cell Group are highlighted, each lesson also includes some of the basic beliefs and procedures of Apostolic Network of Oikos Cell (ANOC) Int'l. The lessons are similar to a typical Oikos Cell Series, although the question section is longer to allow more time to complete the Prayer and Planning section as a group. As you learn more about the ministry and spend time in prayer together, your group will better sense whether God is calling you to begin an oikos cell group
5. To prepare leaders to serve in their respective roles, training will be provided. Leaders include the Cell Group Leader and Interns. As a group grows, leaders are added. Weekly preparation is important as the leaders meet each week to pray for the ministry, discuss answers to the WORD TIME to enable Cell Group Leaders to effectively lead group discussions, share with one another, and receive ongoing training.
6. Taking time to prepare for cell group allows leaders to minister with excellence. In addition to preparing its leaders, ANOC takes great care in preparing course materials. Bible scholars write the questions for our courses. Other qualified writers compose the personal application sections.

**WOW TIME:** (30 mins)- Time to eat BUT make sure to introduce the Discipleship Levels to the member and how to complete them. Cell leaders must have a sample of the booklets such as Seven Steps of Salvation, Beginning Your New Life Vol. 1-3 and Essentials to Holiness.



## WEEK 2: MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

**WELCOME TIME:** (15 min)- Questions should be a simple question that can be answered in one minute or so. Download this application “Question Box” in PlayStore/Apps Store for more questions.

*Startup:* Do you have a Bible? If you have, why you have one? If you don't have, why you don't have?

**WORSHIP TIME:** (10 min)- Testimonies and Singing

**WORD TIME:** (40 mins)- **READ Joshua 1:1-18**

1. How does God's Word provide strength to His people?
2. Discuss why you agree or disagree with this statement:  
*A Christian must meditate on God's Word in order to fully experience true prosperity and success.*
3. From the following verses in Psalms, what are some effects of understanding God's written Word?
  - a. 119:9
  - b. 119:11
  - c. 119:34
  - d. 119:45
  - e. 119:98-99
  - f. 119:105
4. What does 2 Timothy 3:14-17 add to your insight?

5. How has understanding God's Word impacted your attitudes and actions in the past? Try to give one or two specific examples.
6. How is studying God's Word affecting your attitude and actions this week?
7. How would a person meditate on God's Word? Is meditation a form of prayer? Justify our answer.
8. If Prayer is not only comprising of talking to God what else are included in a successful prayer? (*eg. Meditation, Listening to Gods, etc.*)
9. Explain why it is important to praise God as we enter into a time of prayer.
10. What other aspects of God's character are praised in the following passages?
  - a. Psalm 98:1-2
  - b. Psalm 111:2-9
  - c. 2 Corinthians 1:3
11. Is Thanksgiving part of a successful prayer? Why?
12. In each of the following passages, for what does the apostle Paul thank God?
  - a. Romans 1:8



- b. Ephesians 1:15-16
- c. Philippians 1:3-6
- d. 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4

13. Why do these prayers serve as good models as you begin to pray together about starting a cell group?

**WORKS TIME:** (15 mins)- Pray for someone's needs and Plan for Evangelism Strategy.

1. Pray for the members prayer requests.
2. Plan for who will take the roles for the next meeting (MC, Worship Leader, Testimony Leader, Discussion Facilitator, Prayer Leader, etc.)
3. Plan to provide Bibles to those who don't have. Guide the new believers on how to open their Bibles.
4. ANOC brings the love of Christ to people by immersing them in the Word in a welcoming, loving atmosphere. Cell members are cared for through prayer and weekly contact with their Cell Group Leader outside of meeting. We often hear our members say they have never experienced the kind of love and care they receive in ANOC Int'l. Anyone can benefit from this ministry, from the seeker who does not yet know God, to the new believer just starting on the journey, to the mature believer who desires to keep changing into Christ's image.
5. Through Introductory Lesson (Joshua), your group has learned much about ANOC and each other. Have you decided that this ministry is the right one for you? If so, evaluate where you are in preparation and leadership. Plan together how to spend your next meetings, remembering to devote significant time to prayer. Contact a member of your Cell Group Leadership who will help you in all areas of planning. We pray God's rich blessings upon you all.

6. WORD TIME Questions are designed to encourage daily time in God's Word. Before coming to cell meeting, Cell Group members answer the lesson questions using their Bible, with guidance from the Holy Spirit. As you have worked through this study, you have been practicing this method and developing good habits such as praying before you begin and noting the verses where you find your answers. Cell Group Discussion during the weekly cell group time, all members have the opportunity to share what they have learned from the passage.
7. The Cell Group Leader is trained to facilitate discussion on group members' answers to the WORD TIME. Bible scholars write the questions for each course, while other writers provide real-life application sections. All approaches are significant in helping individuals become confident in their ability to read and understand God's Word. Many who come to our cell meeting have received most of what they know about the Bible from other people and have found reading the Bible to be difficult. When they discover they can not only understand the Word, but also apply it and share their insights with others, they become excited about Scripture. They realize firsthand that God's Word has the power to transform lives. Facilitating that realization is the purpose of ANOC Int'l and your purpose in starting an Oikos cell group.
8. Prayer is central to Apostolic Network of Oikos Cell (ANOC) Int'l. ANOC Int'l is God's ministry; we rely on Him to provide everything we need, from leaders to members to materials to—most importantly—our spiritual growth. Because we serve Him, we spend quality time in prayer as individuals and as a group.
9. Every Cell Meeting begins as a prayer group seeking God's will and leading in regard to forming an Oikos Cell Group. The leadership of every established Oikos Cell continues to pray together weekly. Every cell begins as people gather to pray and seek God's leading for a study to begin. Prayer Components People pray in many different ways, but we suggest your prayer group include four aspects of prayer. This is also a good model

for the leaders' time of prayer, should you decide to start a class:  
The ACTS format for prayer is: •

- i. Adoration/Praise
  - ii. Confession
  - iii. Thanksgiving
  - iv. Supplication
10. We praise God for who He is and by doing so, “we enter His courts with praise.” We confess our personal and corporate sins (either silently or aloud). We thank Him for what He has done. Then, we submit specific supplications to Him for His provision for our class and personal needs. Prayer Styles of cell leadership groups use a conversational prayer style, which simply means to pray using everyday language and short sentences about specific items or topics as they are introduced. Conversational prayer encourages everyone to participate without being intimidated by formal and elaborate prayers. As in any conversation, the participants listen to and affirm each other, encouraging everyone to listen for the Holy Spirit's leading. If this form of prayer is new to your group, ask a member of your Cell Leadership about resources to help you become accustomed to it.

**WOW TIME:** (30 mins)- Time to eat BUT make sure to have the new members be introduced to a Sponsor/Mentor/Discippler to teach him/her of the Seven Steps of Salvation (one step a eek). A copy of the materials will be provided before the meeting so that the teacher can study them for a week.



## WEEK 3: CONSECRATION

**WELCOME TIME:** (15 min)- Questions should be a simple question that can be answered in one minute or so. Download this application “Question Box” in PlayStore/Apps Store for more questions.

*Startup:* Has there ever been a time when you felt you had to do something you would normally consider wrong, in order to avoid doing something even worse? If so, tell about it.

**WORSHIP TIME:** (10 min)- Testimonies and Singing

**WORD TIME:** (40 mins)- **READ Joshua 2:1-24 & 3:1-17**

1. What do you learn about Rahab from Heb 11:31 and James 2:25?
2. From the evidence you see here, how would you describe Rahab's character and personality?
3. Summarize in your own words where the two spies went and what happened to them before they returned to Joshua.
4. Look again at verse 24. Compare the report given by the spies here with the report given by the earlier generation of spies (including Joshua and Caleb) in Num 13:26-33 and 14:6-9. Discuss what thoughts and emotions Joshua might have had in each of the two situations.

5. Discuss why you agree or disagree with this statement:  
It was wrong for Rahab to lie to the officials of Jericho's king when she said that the two spies from Israel had left.
  
6. Do you agree with the way the spies handled the situation with Rahab, or do you think you might have responded differently?
  
7. What do you think is most important about Rahab's understanding of God, as revealed in this chapter?
  
8. In what ways do you think Rahab's example is a worthy model for us? In what ways, if any, do you think it is not?
  
9. Compare Rahab's words about God (in verse 11) with statements made by these other Gentiles: Melchizedek (Gen 14:18-19), Naaman (2 Kings 5:15), Nebuchadnezzar (Dan 4:34-37), and Darius (Dan 6:25-27).
  
10. In what ways was Joshua well trained for his present position of leadership?
  
11. Describe in your own words the way in which the people of Israel crossed the Jordan River — and why it was important for them to do it that way.

12. Why do you think God wanted to "exalt" Joshua? (verse 7) What does this tell you about God's perspective regarding human leaders?
  
13. How do you think the events of this chapter helped to "exalt" Joshua in the eyes of the people of Israel?
  
14. How can you "consecrate" yourself (verse 5) for the work God has for you in the immediate future?

### FOR GOING DEEPER

In what ways is the message of this book an illustration of the principle found in 2 Cor 5:17?

**WORKS TIME:** (15 mins)- Pray for someone's needs and Plan for Evangelism Strategy.

1. Use the following topics to guide your group prayer time:
  - Praise God for His willingness to reveal Himself to us through the Word and for His plan of salvation.
  - Confess (either silently or aloud) any ways in which you have not lived according to the truth you know from God's Word.
  - Thank God for the way biblical truth has transformed your life through the power of the Holy Spirit Ask God to provide for all your needs as you plan for a cell group. Be as specific as you can in your requests.
  - Praise God for His mighty power and His incredible, transforming love.

- Place before God all your group’s needs as you discern His will about becoming a cell group.
2. Plan for who will take the roles for the next meeting (MC, Worship Leader, Testimony Leader, Discussion Facilitator, Prayer Leader, etc.)
  3. Plan to provide Bibles to those who don’t have. Guide the new believers on how to open their Bibles.
  4. Our System can form an integral part of a local church, as a tool for cell groups as well as an important element of a church’s Christian Education program. The availability of Cell Group Materials for youth and adults provides an excellent opportunity for the mentoring of whole families within the church as well as part of church outreach.
  5. AN Oikos Cell Group in the context of community will include people of different ages, economic backgrounds, cultures, and denominations. For those classes—reflecting the makeup of the community with several denominations represented—it is important to remember that the foundation for unity in Bible study is to “agree to disagree agreeably” on the nonessentials of the Christian faith. It is important to intentionally show respect for our differences right from the beginning. We do this in various ways:
    - a. Avoid promoting your own denomination, church, literature, or outside events. •
    - b. Focus on our oneness in Christ and what unites us in the body of Christ. ANOC seeks to build community where anyone can feel comfortable and welcome studying God’s Word together. •
    - c. One of the most challenging areas in the church today is the handling of the charismata (gifts of the Holy Spirit). Within the body of Christ are differing practices and beliefs about these gifts. Because we want every person who comes to a Apostolic Network of Oikos Cell to be



comfortable, we ask our leaders who have the gifts of tongues, prophecy, and healing through the laying on of hands to use them properly within the context of the Word of God.

6. God has likewise called Apostolic Network of Oikos Cell leaders to serve in a specific role or roles in His ministry. ANOC leaders have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ and seek to the best of their ability to follow and serve the Lord. ANOC leaders are not perfect. They are individuals who have made a commitment of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. They are loving, forgiving encouragers, and prayerfully believe God has called them to serve in this ministry. Godly leaders recognize God's hand in preparing and equipping them to do His work; they give Him all the credit and glory.
7. The initial Servants Team consists of a trained Cell Leader and Intern, with the possibility of the team growing as the cell grows. The leaders serve the members. They work together to create an environment where the Holy Spirit can work. The Cell Leader will prepare and give a teaching ("wrap up talk") on the Bible passage of that week, emphasizing how to apply what has been studied. The Cell Leader is also responsible for guiding and shepherding the other leaders. This servant facilitates the cell group (not more than 15 class members per group) as they share what God has revealed during their study at home. The Cell Group Leader demonstrates their loving care for each member of the group through regular contact during the week, outside of class. These leaders are responsible for the administrative details of a cell and the intentional care of each class member until there is an inter who will then take the responsibility of the administrative details.

8. Servants Team members should be willing to serve in their roles for a minimum of one year, but hopefully longer. Each year, leaders are asked to consult the Lord about whether they are to continue in their roles the following year. They typically remain in their roles until God calls them out. Other leadership varies according to cell group size.

**WOW TIME:** (30 mins)- Time to eat BUT make sure to have a short One on One Discipleship so that those who are working in their levels will be benefiting.

## WEEK 4: WORSHIP

**WELCOME TIME:** (15 min)- Questions should be a simple question that can be answered in one minute or so. Download this application “Question Box” in PlayStore/Apps Store for more questions.

*Startup:* What are your most important keepsakes — the things you treasure and hold onto because of their "memory value"?

**WORSHIP TIME:** (10 min)- Testimonies and Singing

**WORD TIME:** (40 mins)- **READ Joshua 4:1-24**

1. What do you think is the significance of the way in which the memorial pile of stones was gathered and put together? (verses 1-9, and 20-24)
2. **EYE FOR DETAIL** — *From what you recall seeing in chapter 4, try answering the following question without looking in your Bible:* Where did the people of Israel camp first after leaving the Jordan River? (See verse 19.)
3. In what ways do you think the events of chapters 3 and 4 were an important part of Israel's preparation for the future?
4. Look again at verse 14. Does God do this with leaders today?
5. We don't always know the reasons behind what God is doing in our lives, but God gave His reasons to Israel in

verses 23-24. How do you think the reasons presented there compare to the reasons God might have for the things He is doing in *your* life right now?

6. What insights do you find in chapters 3-4 regarding the right way to approach God in worship?
  
7. What insights do you find in chapters 3-4 regarding the sense of mission and unity in a church?

#### FOR GOING DEEPER

In light of what you see happening in the book of Joshua, what deeper significance do you find in the promises to Abraham found in Gen 12:1-3; 15:12-16, and 17:7-8?

**WORKS TIME:** (15 mins)- Pray for someone's needs and Plan for Evangelism Strategy.

1. Use the following topics to guide your group prayer time:
  - Praise God for His awesome power and the way He has displayed it in victory over evil.
  - Confess (either silently or aloud) times when you have fallen prey to the enemy's schemes. Ask God to forgive and cleanse you.
  - Thank God for specific ways He has dealt and will deal with the devil's schemes to prevent His Word from being proclaimed and studied.

- Ask God for discernment in uncovering the adversary's schemes. Petition the Lord for continual filling of the Holy Spirit so that you will grow in the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). Pray against specific opposition and problems.
2. Plan for who will take the roles for the next meeting (MC, Worship Leader, Testimony Leader, Discussion Facilitator, Prayer Leader, etc.)
  3. Obstacles or Stepping Stones? All ANOC leaders encounter problems and opposition from time to time. Leaders need to discern prayerfully whether the difficulty they are experiencing is from the Lord as a way of guiding them in a new direction or from the enemy to bring division, discouragement, and defeat to their leadership and class.
  4. Members need to pray consistently for the leadership to maintain good communication so that differences of opinion and misunderstandings can be dealt with openly and lovingly. Otherwise, the enemy will use such opportunities to divide and weaken the leadership and class. We want to focus on God, His plan, and His power rather than on the schemes of the enemy. One of the great strengths of ANOC is having mature Christian leaders meet weekly for prayer. In prayer, especially, we discover the plans of the enemy and pray to defeat them.

**WOW TIME:** (30 mins)- Time to eat BUT make sure to have a short One on One Discipleship so that those who are working in their levels will be benefiting.



## WEEK 5: NECESSITY OF PREPARATION

**WELCOME TIME:** (15 min)- Questions should be a simple question that can be answered in one minute or so. Download this application “Question Box” in PlayStore/Apps Store for more questions.

*Startup:* In general, do you consider yourself more of a leader or a follower?

**WORSHIP TIME:** (10 min)- Testimonies and Singing

**WORD TIME:** (40 mins)- **READ Joshua 5:1-15**

1. What can you tell about the significance of both circumcision (verses 2-3) and the Passover (verses 10-11) in the history of God's people?
2. What can you tell about the significance of manna (verse 12) in the history of God's people?
3. How do verses 13-15 compare with the experience Moses had in Ex 3:1-6?
4. In the first five chapters of Joshua, how have the people of Israel been demonstrating their faith?
6. Summarize how the people of Israel are now prepared — spiritually, militarily, mentally, and physically — for their conquest of Canaan.

7. What do you think was the personal significance for Joshua of his encounter with the commander of the Lord's army in verses 13-15?
  
8. How well do you feel your church is prepared — spiritually, physically, mentally, and emotionally — for living out God's will for your church at this time? In what area do you think more preparation might be needed?
  
9. How well do you feel you're prepared personally — spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally — for living out God's will for you at this time? In what area do you think more preparation might be needed?
  
10. Read Philippians 1:12-14, 18b-26, which the apostle Paul wrote from a Roman prison around the middle of the 1st century. What is Paul's attitude toward delay, and how can we learn from him?
  
11. How do you react when you encounter delays in ministry? Is there anything about your reaction to delays you would like God to help you change?
  
12. Think about which groups of people in your community have a great need for Bible study.
  
13. Identify specific people you know who might be interested in studying the Bible together.



14. Develop ways of spreading the news about the ANOC ministry and a new cell group in your area.
15. In light of the biblical principles introduced in this lesson, what else can your group do to prepare for beginning a cell group?
16. What do you need to ask of God?

#### FOR GOING DEEPER

From what you've seen so far in Joshua, how is this book an illustration of the principle found in Phil 3:12-14.

**WORKS TIME:** (15 mins)- Pray for someone's needs and Plan for Evangelism Strategy.

1. Take time to praise God for His character. Be specific about His attributes. •
  - Confess (either silently or aloud) any sin that might hinder God's work to start a CBSI class in your community.
  - Thank God for the preparations He has already made for you both personally and for your group as a whole.
  - Present to God the needs you identified in question 16.
2. Plan for who will take the roles for the next meeting (MC, Worship Leader, Testimony Leader, Discussion Facilitator, Prayer Leader, etc.)
3. When we receive God's call, wait on Him, and obey His commands, we can accomplish all God asks of us. The mission of ANOC Int'l is to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in

our communities through caring, in-depth Bible study, available to all. This mission cannot be fulfilled without much prayer and careful preparation.

4. To prepare leaders to serve in their respective roles, training will be provided. Leaders include the Cell Leaders and Interns. As a cell grows, leaders are added. Weekly preparation is important as the leaders meet each week to pray for the ministry, discuss answers to the Leaders to enable Cell Group Leaders to effectively lead group discussions, share with one another, and receive ongoing training. Taking time to prepare for cell meeting allows leaders to minister with excellence.
5. In addition to preparing its leaders, ANOC takes great care in preparing course materials. Bible scholars write the questions for our courses.

**WOW TIME:** (30 mins)- Time to eat BUT make sure to have a short One on One Discipleship so that those who are working in their levels will be benefiting.

## WEEK 6: JERICHO MARCH: IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER WALKING

**WELCOME TIME:** (15 min)- Questions should be a simple question that can be answered in one minute or so. Download this application “Question Box” in PlayStore/Apps Store for more questions.

*Startup:* Can you describe a time in the past when you learned — perhaps the hard way — the importance of following directions?

**WORSHIP TIME:** (10 min)- Testimonies and Singing

**WORD TIME:** (40 mins)- **READ Joshua 6:1-27**

1. In your own words, what exactly did the Lord command Joshua to do in verses 2-5?
2. Look ahead to 1 Kings 16:34 to see how Joshua's words in Josh 6:26 were fulfilled. What does this tell you about Joshua?
3. Imagine yourself being a part of the processions described in verses 8-15. In light of your own personality, what thoughts and emotions do you think you would have?
4. For helpful information on Israel's destruction of Jericho in verse 21, what do you discover in Lev 27:28-29, and Deut 13:12-18 and 20:16-18?
5. In verse 2, why do you think the Lord used the past tense in saying He had given Jericho into Israel's hands, instead of saying "I *will* give Jericho into your hands"?

6. Why do you think priests with the ark were told to lead the procession around Jericho's walls, instead of Israel's soldiers?
7. How would you describe God's "military strategy" for His people as they engage in battle to conquer the Promised Land?
8. What do you think are the most important lessons for Israel to learn from their victory over Jericho?
9. How was the battle of Jericho a testing from God for Joshua and Israel?
10. What general principles does this chapter give you regarding God's way of doing things?
11. In what ways do you think of yourself as being in a battle? And what do you think is God's "military strategy" for you?

#### FOR GOING DEEPER

In what ways is the message of this book an illustration of the principle found in 2 Cor 2:14 and Rom 8:37-39?

**WORKS TIME:** (15 mins)- Pray for someone's needs and Plan for Evangelism Strategy.

1. Use the following topics to guide your group prayer time:
  - a. Take time to praise God for who He is.
  - b. Spend time (either silently or aloud) confessing the sin in the life of your community and family as well as your own personal sin—anything that might hinder your relationship with God and His work through you.
  - c. Thank God for each other and for what you can already see Him doing in your community and for your group.
  - d. Present your supplications (requests), as God leads, for His direction and provision for a CBSI class in your community.
2. If God has put in your heart the desire to start an Oikos Cell, pray. If He hasn't done so yet, pray about whether He wants you to do this or not.
3. Every work of God must begin with prayer. You may want to gather a group of people together and pray. Prayer will open doors that are shut. Prayer will allow the Spirit of God to work. After all, this is God's work, not ours.
4. Jericho March Principle is observed in every cell opening. A new Oikos cell location **MUST** walk around the place for 7 consecutive days, once for the first six days and 7 times in the 7th day. This to be done to ensure that the location is conquered spiritually.

**WOW TIME:** (30 mins)- Time to eat **BUT** make sure to have a short One on One Discipleship so that those who are working in their levels will be benefiting.



## WEEK 7: FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

**WELCOME TIME:** (15 min)- Questions should be a simple question that can be answered in one minute or so. Download this application “Question Box” in PlayStore/Apps Store for more questions.

*Startup:* In your own life and or in the lives of others you know, how have you seen the continuing tragic consequences of a single sinful act?

**WORSHIP TIME:** (10 min)- Testimonies and Singing

**WORD TIME:** (40 mins)- **READ Joshua 7:1-26**

1. In what ways is this chapter about a test of Joshua's leadership?
2. Discuss any evidence you may have seen in this book that Joshua's fame made him fall into pride.
3. How many negative consequences of Achan's sin can you identify in this chapter?
4. **EYE FOR DETAIL** — *From what you recall seeing in chapter 7 try answering the following question without looking in your Bible: What exactly did Achan keep for himself from the plunder at Jericho? (See verse 21.)*
5. What reasons would you give in justifying God's anger in verse 1?
6. Imagine yourself as being a part of the group of leaders mentioned in verse 6. In light of your own

personality, what thoughts and emotions would you have?

7. What insight does the prayer in verses 6-9 offer into Joshua's heart and character?
8. What insight does God's response in verses 11-15 offer into God's heart and character?
9. Why do you think God required *everyone* to go through the purification or "consecration" mentioned in verse 13? (Compare this verse with the situation in 3:5.)
10. What wrong understanding did Achan have about possessions?
11. How would you explain the correctness of the punishment which God required in verse 15, and which Israel carried out against Achan and his family in verses 24-26?
12. Does this chapter reflect any failure on Joshua's part? Give reasons for your answer.
13. What are the most important lessons for Joshua and Israel to learn from the incidents in this chapter?



14. What kinds of things in our lives can sometimes correspond to the things Achan took and hid?
15. What principles for dealing with sin can you glean from this chapter?
16. Using a dictionary, define usury.
17. Read Exodus 22:25-27 and Leviticus 25:36-37. What did God's Law say about usury?
18. According to Psalm 15, how will the person who rejects usury be rewarded?
19. Summarize Jesus' teaching about money in Matthew 6:19-21 and Luke 16:10-13.
20. What does the apostle Paul say are problems with wanting to get rich (1 Timothy 6:9-10, 17)?
21. List the alternatives Paul proposes to hoarding wealth (1 Timothy 6:17-19).
22. If you feel comfortable, share with the group any struggles you have had with your attitude about money and how God has helped you with those struggles

23. List any financial concerns you have about operating an Oikos Cell group. If the next lesson does not address all of them, make a list of questions for your Trainer to answer.
24. b. Within your group, do you have someone with the gift of administration who could handle the administrative tasks with competence and integrity?

### FOR GOING DEEPER

Discuss how this chapter relates to the following passages, each of which includes the execution of someone by stoning: Lev 24:10-23, Num 15:32-36, and Acts 7:54-60.

**WORKS TIME:** (15 mins)- Pray for someone's needs and Plan for Evangelism Strategy.

1. Use the following topics to guide your group prayer time:
  - Praise God for the depth and breadth of His love and His willingness to provide for us.
  - Confess (either silently or aloud) your attitudes about money that you discern as displeasing to God.
  - Thank God for providing abundantly for us as individuals and for the ANOC ministry.
  - Ask God to bless your cell and ANOC financially so the ministry can continue offering excellent materials wherever there is a need. Pray for a person to handle the finances for your cell or house church and for God's protection upon all who handle money.
2. ANOC is financially independent from all churches and denominations. ANOC is run primarily by volunteers. Operating costs are covered entirely by our membership. ANOC is a non-profit ministry and the ministry has a Board who oversees its finances. We are not seeking to make a profit but only cover the expenses of the ministry. If a member has financial hardship,

this can be waived. No one is turned away for lack of funds. ANOC's overall attitude toward money is that God will provide for the needs of His ministry. Therefore, when a need arises, we pray, follow His leading, and trust Him to provide.

**WOW TIME:** (30 mins)- Time to eat BUT make sure to have a short One on One Discipleship so that those who are working in their levels will be benefiting.

CONGRATULATIONS!