

“Devoted”

Joshua 7

9-27-15

1. Can you think back to a time where you were disobedient to God? What were the results of your disobedience and what did you learn from that experience?
2. Why is Israel defeated by the people of AI? (Joshua 7:11) What does the Bible say will happen regarding our secret sins? (See Numbers 32:23 and Luke 8:17). Do these verses make you think differently regarding your private life?
3. What kind of things are found in Achan’s tent (Joshua 7:21-22)? Pastor Jim mentioned two kinds of devoted things that the Bible talks about. What were they and what are the modern equivalents to them (See Leviticus 27:28 and Deuteronomy 7:26)? What will happen to us if we attempt to hold on to devoted things?
4. Read Joshua 7:10-13 and 22:20. Who ultimately suffers from Achan’s sin? Can you give some examples of how our personal or private sin affect others? Why does Satan try to keep our sins in the darkness or as a secret? (See John 3:19-21). How can we practically combat the tactics of Satan?
5. While we may think it’s not fair that someone else’s sins affect us, what does Romans 5:17-19 tell us about this? How does the obedience of one man (Jesus) bring life to all who believe?
6. Take this time to pray with your group. Set aside a few moments of silence where each person is able to examine themselves (Psalm 139:23-24). Are there things devoted to the Lord that you are hiding in your life? Seek the Lord and be obedient to do whatever he asks of you.