

Week 12 (1st Qtr) Study Questions

1. In Deuteronomy 30, Moses lays out the basic message from God. What is that message and what does he ask the Israelites to do? Is this still a valid message today? How old is Moses at the end of Deuteronomy? What does Moses plead with the Israelites to do after he is gone? Where does God ask Moses to go to see all of the land that he has promised the children of Israel? After God shows Moses the promised land what happens to Moses and where does he end up? At the end of Deuteronomy, how does the scripture say Moses is revered in all of Israel? Who takes over for him? How long did the people mourn for Moses? What does God tell Moses will happen with the Children of Israel? What does he say they will do with the covenant he has with them?
2. There are several Psalms in our reading for this week. What is the recurring theme in the Psalms for this week? In the reading of the Psalms, what does it say about us today as far as our dependence on God? Is God still the same God that he was in the Old Testament?
3. After the people mourn for Moses, God tells Joshua to notify the people that they will be crossing the Jordan in how many days? Joshua sends out how many men to spy out Jericho? The King of Jericho hears about the spies and who hides these men when the King's men come to kill them? What does this person ask of the spies and how do the spies respond?
4. God tells Joshua to have the priests carry the ark into the Jordan River first and what happens to the River when they priests carrying the ark step foot into the river? After the people cross over the Jordan River, what does Joshua have them do as a memorial to the crossing? The scripture says Joshua was exalted after they crossed the Jordan and where did they camp? How did the kings of the Amorites and Canaanites react when they heard how the Israelites had crossed the Jordan?
5. After everyone has crossed the river, what does God ask Joshua to do to all the sons of Israel? Why was this necessary? After they make camp across the river, what do they start to eat? What stops happening because of this? After this what does Joshua see standing by Jericho?

6. God gives instructions on how to attack Jericho. What were the instructions? Did Joshua and the Israelites carry them out? If so, what happened when they were carried out? What did God say about killing the people of Jericho and what did he say about taking the loot of Jericho? Who was the only family that was spared at Jericho? Where does the scripture say this person's family lived after this?
7. After taking Jericho, Joshua sends spies to another city and what do the spies say about that city? What happens when they attack that city? Why does this happen? Who does Joshua have to punish and why? What do they do to that person? After this person is punished, Joshua goes back to that city and is able to conquer it. How does he do that?
8. After Joshua and the children of Israel take this second city, the other kingdoms in the land of Canaan hear about the Israelites success and great fear comes upon them. This causes the people of Gibeon to make a plan and what is this plan and what do they tell Joshua and what does Joshua and the Israelites do for the Gibeonites?
9. Because of this, the king of Jerusalem attacks the city of Gibeon and what does Joshua do because of it? What does God do to the Sun at the request of Joshua during this battle? 5 Kings are fighting together and Joshua's warriors drive them to where? What does Joshua do with them? Joshua and the children of Israel continue to attack other cities in Canaan, what were these cities and what happens when he attacks them? Does Joshua and the Israelites finally conquer all the land of Canaan? If so, what does this say about the promises of God?

Stretch:

1. In Joshua Chapter 2, we read about Rahab, the Harlot, and how she hid the Israelite spies in her home in Jericho. When the King of Jericho sends his men looking for them at Rahab's house, where does Rahab say the men have gone? The answer that Rahab gives is a lie, but it saves the spies and Joshua spares Rahab and her family when they conquer Jericho. In light of Rahab's response to the King's men, what does this say about the 9th commandment "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor"?

