

## Human Failings

### Joshua 7-8 Discussion Materials

Read Joshua 7-8

If time allows read the whole two chapters, then re-read sections as relevant for your time of study. You do not need to complete all sections, you may wish to focus on one or two which are most helpful for your group. If time is limited, pick either the first two, or the second two sections to focus on.

#### **Defeat at Ai: 7:1-9**

1. What was an important reminder that Israel received when they were unsuccessful against Ai?
2. Can you think of a time that you have intentionally gone in a different direction to what God was asking/ prompting you to do? What is something that you learnt during that season?

#### **Progression of sin: 7:9-26**

Have a look at the progression of Sin outlined here in Joshua and Genesis.

Joshua 7: 21

- I saw this,
- I coveted/ desired
- I took it,
- then hid them

Gen 3:6

- I saw this,
- I coveted/ desired
- I took it,
- then hid them

3. How can you identify this in your own life?
4. What are some personal strategies to help keep yourself or your family accountable?
5. How can you help keep each other accountable to be people who Speak words of LIFE, rather than words of destruction?
6. Achan's public 'Confession, in this instance, (is considered) as glorifying God... That is because the essence of our relationship is authenticity before God'. **David Firth** BST – Joshua, 92.

How can we grow a more authentic relationship with God?

#### **Restored Faithfulness and victory at Ai: 8:**

7. What does this victory teach us about our faith today?
8. What was the big difference between the two battles of Ai?

**Applying it:**

9. What do the passages above teach us about God's faithfulness?
10. What do the passages show us about what it means to trust and obey God?
11. Where might God be calling you this week to trust in his faithfulness? How might you discern and obey what he is calling you into?