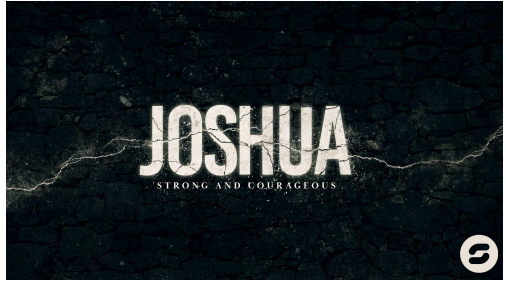


STUDY GUIDE

May 12

STAY IN THE LOOP

Announcements



- The **State of the Gate Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **May 16th** at 6pm. We invite **everyone** to commit to praying for an hour in the 24 hours leading up to the meeting, from Wednesday, May 15th, 5pm to Thursday, May 16th, 5pm. Please sign up online or send an email to pray@southgatechurch.com.
- A new LifeClass, **Uprooting Anger**, is starting on **May 15**. This 6-week life class runs on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm. Sign up on ChurchCenter.

START WITH PRAYER

Use this Prayer Prompt

Praise God for leading us to deeper maturity and transforming us to look more like Jesus. Ask God to reveal any blind spots or hidden sins in our lives and help us devote every part of our lives to Him.

STUDY THE BIBLE

Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:

Joshua 7:1; 4-5; 11; 21; 25

Leviticus 27:28

Deuteronomy 13:17

Joshua 8:1-2

STIR UP DISCUSSION

How does this week's teaching affect me personally?

1. Reflecting on the analogy of hidden sin being like mold in bread, how does this imagery resonate with your understanding of sin's impact in your life and community?
2. In the story of Achan's sin and its consequences, what lessons can we learn about the importance of honesty and accountability in our relationship with God and others?
3. Discuss the significance of "first fruits" in the context of Jericho and how it relates to honoring God with our resources and priorities in our lives today.
4. How does the concept of hidden sin affecting the entire community challenge us to take responsibility for our actions and encourage transparency and vulnerability within our church?
5. Reflect on the themes of repentance, forgiveness, and restoration highlighted in the passage. How can we apply these principles to our own lives and relationships, seeking reconciliation with God and others?

STEP INTO ACTION

Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.

1. **Understand that hidden sin affects all those around you.**
2. **Turn all sin over to Him.** God always gives us a chance for repentance, forgiveness, and restoration. It's undeserved and free, but God wants you to be set apart. Turn your sin over to Him.
3. **Give God the first fruits in your life.** Is not honoring God with your first fruits a hidden sin or an idol in your life?