

Review:

**Lesson 1:** Jesus & Noah

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## **Jesus & Achan**

### **Joshua 7:6-12, 16-21**

*Much self-help advice pertains to how we handle our failures. But, for the people of God, the \_\_\_\_\_ is in how we handle our successes. The “expertise” which comes from success is a dangerous replacement for our complete reliance upon the Lord.*

**Discussion 1. Do you think we are more likely to rely on our own expertise (rather than on the Lord) as a young person or as an older person? Explain your answer. What is it about our human condition that makes us so prone to get this wrong?**

*There is an unseen spiritual realm all around us which, in some ways, is far more “real” than the physical world in which we live and operate. In that realm, sin in an individual life can have a profound \_\_\_\_\_ across an entire community. We need God’s help to see this.*

**Discussion 2. If you could see the impact of your sins more clearly in your family or surrounding community, how would it change you? What can we do to be more mindful of that unseen impact?**

*Scripture is clear that we are all created for community. Those who would seek after God are called to do so in \_\_\_\_\_ with God’s people. Likewise, God’s dealing with the sin in our lives is almost never merely personal. Genuine Godly community brings accountability.*

**Discussion 3. Are there people in your life who help bring accountability for sin? If so, how does that work for you? If not, how would you go about finding friends of family to help you with it? What qualities or characteristics would you look for in them?**

*Confession is a very real and necessary spiritual discipline. When we treat it as strictly personal, between us and God, we set ourselves up for \_\_\_\_\_ and continued bondage to sin. “Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.” James 5:16.*

**Discussion 4. What do you think might be the benefits of confessing our sins to a human being and not just to God alone? What do you think might be the downside(s) to doing that? What do you believe God wants from us in this regard?**