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Scripture: Joshua 6:1-7

Warm-up

Describe some good memories from your childhood. Why do those memories stick with you after all of the years that have elapsed?

Messages from God's Word

Read Joshua 6:1-7. As a group, make a list of other seven-day, seven-week, or seven-year events in the Bible.¹ Then, discuss the significance and meaning of the number seven in the Bible.^{2,3}

Read Ex. 12:3-8 and Ex. 12:14.

Have you ever participated in a Christian Passover Service or Seder? If so, share your experience with the group. If no one has had this experience, share other lasting memories of particular Easter celebrations or church services.

Read Numbers 31:48-54 and Joshua 4:19-24.

God established many memorial practices for the Israelites. As a group, share ideas for establishing memorials in and for your families.

Read Deut. 6:4-8 and Joshua 24:15.

Pray for all of the families represented in your Life Group, that each individual, whether single, married, parent, or child, would love the Lord with all his or her heart, soul, and might, and that each one would have God's word on his or her heart and speak of it to others at every opportunity.

¹ Some answers (limited to Genesis and Exodus):

- The 7 days of creation (Gen. 1)
- God's 7-day warning to Noah before the rain (Gen. 7:4, 10)
- Noah's wait time (in days) after sending out the dove (Gen. 8:10, 12)
- Jacob's years of service for Rachel (Gen. 29:20)
- Joseph's period of mourning for his father (Gen. 50:10)
- The time (in days) God waited after striking the Nile before the Lord sent the plague of frogs (Ex. 7:25)
- The period (in days) during which the Israelites were to eat unleavened bread in celebration of the Passover during the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Ex. 12:15, 12:19, 13:6-7, 23:15, 34:18)
- The period (in days) during consecration of the priests during which (1) the successor to Aaron must wear the holy garments, (2) Aaron's sons must be ordained, and (3) Moses must make atonement for the altar and consecrate it (Ex. 29:29-37).

² This number has been called the symbol of perfection, and also the symbol of rest. Easton, M. G. (1893). In Easton's Bible dictionary. New York: Harper & Brothers.

³ Seven is used for any round number, or for completeness... Smith, W. (1986). In Smith's Bible Dictionary. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.