EBC Women's Study Lesson 16
Joshua Chapter 8

As you read through Joshua and begin this study, ask God to open your heart. As the Psalmist prayed: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

Assignment: Read Joshua chapter 8. See question 1.

Questions:

1. As you read through chapter 8 briefly note similarities and contrasts between what happened in chapter 7. What one overall major contrast or difference do you observe?

2. Looking at 8:1-2, who is going to give the king of AI, his people, his city and his land into Joshua's hand?

3. What does the Lord tell Joshua to do (1-2)? Make three observations.

4. How does the LORD reassure Joshua in the beginning and end of vs. 1. Does this remind you of other times the LORD has shared this with Joshua? Discuss and make observations. (See Joshua 1:3, 9, 6:2)

5. Is God with Joshua and the sons of Israel now? Make observations and discuss why you answered yes or no.

6. *Think about it:* Although the Lord is with believers always, He is not with us (agreeing or supporting or listening) when we disobey even when we are trying to do His will (c.f. Josh 1:9, 7:11-12) When you fail and then confess and forsake that sin is the Lord with you when you attempt to do His Will (8:1)?

7. From verse 2 how is this second attempt to conquer AI differ this time? What are they allowed to take? Who is set the military strategy here in 8:2 versus 7:2-4?

8. What does Joshua do in response to the Lord's Word in 8:3 and what did Joshua command the people of war to do in 4-8? How does it relate to the end of verse 2?

9. Again, what is different about this second AI planning and attack versus the first one?

10. From 8:9-24, we gain a detailed description. What is being described? Make generalized, brief observations.

11. Concluding summary starts in verse 25-29. Make 5 key point observations. Did Joshua and the sons of Israel do all what the LORD had commanded? (See Deuteronomy 20:16-18, Joshua 8:2, Deuteronomy 13:16; 21:22-23)

12. Was what Joshua commanded the Israelites, the Word of the Lord (8:27b)?

13. What did Joshua do in verse 30-31? (Exodus 20:24-25) And who commanded this originally and what do they offer to the Lord? What do you think is the significance of this?

14. What does Joshua do in verse 32 and is this private or a public act? (See Deuteronomy 27:1-8) and from verse 33, note location and who is present? (See Deuteronomy 27:11-14 and Deuteronomy 11:29) Make observations.

15. Looking at verses 34-35, what does Joshua do after he wrote out the copy of the law before all Israel? (See Joshua 1:8 also) Make observations and what is significant about this?

16. Did Joshua leave anything out in his reading (See 34)? How does this apply to us?

17. *Think about it:* Do you diligently go to God's Word and obey His commands? Do you see God's Word as God's Word and take it seriously?

18. *Think about it:* God is faithful to His Word, we can totally depend on Him and what He says in His word. He does not lie and He will do always do what He says! Does this cause you to fear Him and bring you comfort and encourage you?

19. *Think about it*: Do you allow Him to lead you and do you treasure His word in your heart and diligently seek Him in all areas of your life?

20. Do you give the LORD the glory and give Him the credit when you have victories in your life?