

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GUIDE: September 26, 2010

Route 66 (a spiritual journey through God's 66 books)

“WHEN THE DIRECTIONS DON'T MAKE SENSE”

Highway: Joshua...Format: Opening Prayer; 20 min large group discussion (Talk & Dig); 20 min small group discussion (Discuss & Pray); 10 min Open Forum for questions/comments

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Name some situations or events that at one time people thought were impossible or crazy to accomplish.
2. It has been said, “Faith is daring the soul to go beyond what the eyes can see.” Why is this so true for the follower of Jesus?

DIG INTO IT

1. What directions did God give Israel regarding conquering Jericho?
(Read Joshua 6:2-5)
2. Why don't these directions make good strategic military sense for a battle?
3. Joshua obeyed the Lord and told the priests, armed guards and the people about God's commands. What past events most likely moved Joshua to believe God, even though the directions for conquering Jericho seemed strange at best?
(Read Exodus 14:12-14; Numbers 13:1-2, 31-33; 14:1-10a, 26-38)
4. Why do you think the Lord made Israel march around the walls of Jericho for 7 days with 7 priests blowing 7 trumpets with armed guards in front and behind them and the ark of the covenant carried in the middle—before he caused the walls to come tumbling down?

DISCUSS IT

1. Joni Erickson Tada (who became a quadriplegic in her teens) wrote, “Faith isn't the ability to believe long and far into the misty future. It's simply taking God at his Word and taking the next step.” In what sense is this true?
2. Name an event in your life where you were challenged to do something you thought impossible but had to trust completely in the Lord.
3. As believers “the Lord determines our steps” in life even though they don't always make sense. Yet we are called to plan life and dream (Proverbs 16:9). Why are dreams for accomplishing something great for God an important part of the Christian life?

PRAY ABOUT IT “Fear ends where faith begins.”