

Joshua: Are We There Yet? | The Longest Day | Joshua 10

- 1. Skim read Joshua 10:1-7. Carefully read Joshua 10:8-15. Then, skim read the rest of Joshua 10 to remind yourself of what happens in the story. Does anything particularly stand out or strike you from the text?
- 2. Have you ever seen (first-hand) or heard (via a third-party) of something truly miraculous happening in the life of another person? Share. What do you make of the hailstones and sun/moon stopping in our Scripture reading? Are/should these be regular occurrences for the people of God? Why? Why not? How does verse 14 help you respond to this question?
- 3. What are some of the promises of God which make your faith bold? Do you have a regular 'go-to' promise of God? Share. Are there some promises of God which you struggle to cling onto with quite so much conviction?
- 4. How do you know if a promise is or is not from God? What are some of the checks and balances you use to discern God's promises? How strongly does the Word feature?
- 5. Are you a procrastinator? Share some examples from your life which support your answer? Is your procrastination level determined by the specific issue at hand? How?
- 6. Joshua models brilliantly what it looks like to respond to a promise which God has made. What factors enabled him to respond without procrastination? Is discernment for us in contemporary society somehow harder or easier? Discuss.
- 7. How is Joshua reminded in the story that the battle belongs to the Lord and it's won only in His power? Can you identify how winning the battle is a divine/human cooperative? How do you see this divine-human cooperative in your own walk of faith and/or in the ministry of CBC?
- 8. What do you understand the providence of God to be/mean? Are there other words/sentences we can use to describe the providence of God? In what ways does God provide for Joshua/Israel in our text? Is God's providence always supernatural?
- 9. How have you seen God's providence in your own life in predicable and/or surprising ways? Share stories and offer prayers of thanks.