## **STUDY GUIDE**



No Consecration, No Conquest **JOSHUA 5:1–12** 

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# WELCOME: Fixing Our Focus

### Suggested icebreaker:

Share with other GG members how you came to a decision "to cross over" from a life of sin, and your experiences of a renewed life after accepting the Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

# WORSHIP:

Adoring Our God

### Suggested songs:

- Exodus
- Listen To Our Hearts

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# WORD & WALK: Understanding & Applying the Word

### LESSON AIM

- 1. GG members will learn why the rite of consecration is needed for victorious Christian living.
- 2. GG Members will understand the meaning of "circumcision" not of the flesh, but of the heart.
- 3. GG Members will know the importance of remembering God's wondrous deeds and His faithfulness in keeping His covenant of love to us.

### INTRODUCTION

We all know that for us to be able to achieve something of great importance and significance, we have to be fully prepared physically, mentally, and emotionally. Likewise, being now a new creation in Christ, we need to have a clear understanding of what is involved for us to be consecrated, as we prepare for whatever spiritual battles that lie ahead.

# The new generation of Israelites were consecrated through circumcision (vv. 1-9)

God had just performed another spectacular miracle not just in the sight of Israel, but was heard by all the Amorite kings west of the Jordan river, as well as all the Canaanite kings living along the seacoast, that made their hearts melt in fear of the Israelites (Joshua 5:1).

- 1. What did God instruct Joshua to do and what was the purpose of this instruction? (cf. Joshua 5:2-3)
- How did Joshua and all Israelites understand the significance of circumcision? (cf. Genesis 17:9-14; Leviticus 12:2-3)
- Is circumcision still required for today's Christians as a covenantal sign of our belonging to Christ? What does Scripture say? (cf. Romans 2:29, 6:13-14; Colossians 2:11-12)

### The Israelites commemorated God's wondrous deeds (vv. 10-11)

The Israelites celebrated the Passover, remembering how God had mightily saved them from bondage and slavery in the land of Egypt.

- 1. How did the Israelites commemorate the faithfulness of God in bringing them into the Promised Land? (cf. Joshua 5:10-11)
- 2. In what way was their celebration of eating from the produce of the Promised Land an act of consecration and their recommitment to God?
- 3. Why is it important for us today as believers to celebrate communion?

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# WORD & WALK: Understanding & Applying the Word

#### God's abundantly blessed and provided for the Israelites (v. 12)

God had abundantly provided for the Israelites while they traveled in the wilderness. Now that they have entered the Promised Land, God continues to abundantly provide for them.

- 1. When did the manna stop falling from heaven? (Joshua 5:12)
- 2. Where did the Israelites get their provisions after the manna was no longer sent from heaven? In what way can God be seen to manifest His continued support for the Israelites then, as well as to us today?

### Application

The moment we "cross over" from a life of sin, put our faith in the Lord Jesus, and surrender our lives to His lordship, we are indwelt and sealed by the Holy Spirit, and consecrated to be triumphant in our spiritual battles against the rulers and principalities of this world. Our God is faithful in protecting us and providing the means for us to be victorious in our Christian living. He does all this for His glory! How can you consecrate yourself to God in your current circumstances?

### PRAYER ITEM

Our precious Lord and Savior Jesus,

forgive us of all our sins and consecrate us to be conformed to your likeness. We know we bear your image, and it is only by the power of your spirit in us that we can live righteous and triumphant lives for you and your glory! Thank you for your faithfulness in protecting and providing for us each day, and for your goodness, mercy, and grace that we experience every day. Amen.



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