



Joshua Part 6: The Distinction of God's People Joshua 5:1-12

May 28, 2023

Connect

- What kind of activities or traditions do you have during the Summer?

Questions

Faithfulness to God Will Make You Distinct from the World (Joshua 5:2-5; Colossians 2:8-14; Ephesians 4:17-19; Leviticus 18:1-4)

- Why was the new generation of Israelite men ready for circumcision at this point in the story? (a sign of their faithfulness)
- What is baptism a sign of?
- What does it mean for a Christian to be distinct from the world? Can you think of some examples in your own life?

Disobedience Has Real Consequences (Joshua 5:6-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 11-12)

- How was God's promise to the people of Israel about entering the land fulfilled, even though one generation did not see it?
- What lesson does the Apostle Paul say we are to learn from the Israelites wandering in the wilderness?
- What do we learn about the consequences of sin for the believer? (cannot separate us from God, can keep us from experiencing God's work in our lives)

Faithfulness Is Marked by Thankfulness (Joshua 5:10-12; Acts 2:41-42; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

- What is the significance of God's provision moving from manna to the "produce of the land"? (God still provides in the ordinary, it's all from Him)
- How does regularly observing the Lord's supper keep us thankful?
- How do we celebrate the distinctions of baptism and communion?
- How do you show your thankfulness to God?

4 Application Points

Embrace the distinctions of being a Christian
Take the consequences of disobedience seriously
Strive to be distinctly marked by thankfulness
Celebrate the distinctions of baptism and communion

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Pray

Pray for the needs of the people in the group. Pray for our world and our nation. Pray that we would have the courage and boldness to live as distinct Christian people in a culture that does not fear God. Pray that we would be sobered up to the reality of disobeying God. Pray that we would receive God's grace and be thankful for His provision. Pray that we would remember the Lord in all that we do and walk in obedience to His Word.

Live the Mission

Join a Serve Team- Every Sunday there are opportunities to build the church by serving on a Serve Team. If you call Village Church home, consider looking into our Serve Teams. Sign up here: <https://villagechurchva.com/serve>

Outreach Opportunities- Be sure to join the Outreach Opportunities page on Village Church Online if you haven't already. That is a great place to find opportunities for your group to serve our community together. You can find it here: <https://bit.ly/3viul0G>

Going on @Village

Sunday Funday- June 25 at 12:45pm- You are invited to Sunday Funday at Village Church right after the 11:30am service. We are excited to be able to offer a fun time for kids. There will be water slides, bounce houses, obstacle courses, games, free food and drinks. Invite your friends and neighbors and bring swimsuits for your kids! We need help from those who call Village Church home. Sign up to help serve here: <https://bit.ly/3Wksq9P>

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