

MISDIAGNOSIS

Joshua 7

I. WE get it wrong - 7:1-5

II. WHY we get it wrong - 7:6-9

“But the sons of Israel acted unfaithfully in regard to the things under the ban, for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, took some of the things under the ban, therefore the anger of the Lord burned against the sons of Israel.”

Joshua 7:1

III. HOW we recover - 7:10-26

Rise up! Consecrate the people and say, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, for thus the Lord, the God of Israel, has said, “There are things under the ban in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you have removed the things under the ban from your midst.”

Joshua 7:13

Life Group Study Questions

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1. Have you, or someone you have known, ever been misdiagnosed? What was that experience like, and why do you think it happen?

2. Joshua and the people of Israel make some major assumptions as they move to defeat Ai. What are they, and how do we often fall into the same trap?

3. When we encounter failure or roadblocks, it's easy to shift the blame to God. How does Joshua do this, and what ways do we do the same?

4. Joshua is unaware of Achan's sin and fails to connect Israel's defeat to God's call to holiness. He doesn't even stop to ask if there's sin in the camp. Is there an area of your life where you're avoiding that same question? Why?

5. We only begin to recover from defeat when we hear and respond to the Lord's rebuke. How might God be calling you to "get up" and face the real issue today?

6. Recovery requires us to REFOCUS and RESOLVE to deal with sin. This is difficult because it means confronting the truth and being thorough. Why do you think we so often run from this process?

7. How have you seen the consequences of hidden sin bring harm to your life and the lives of those connected to you? How do you think it affects the church as a whole?

8. The pattern of sin is glaring in Achan's life. He looked. He coveted. He took. What warning do you see for yourself in this pattern?

9. Is God convicting you of hidden sin today? Praise God for Christ, whose sacrifice on the cross frees us to confess and be cleansed. Don't live with the pain of a misdiagnosis. Close your time by praying for one another.