

## **Small Group Bible Study Questions. Sermon by Pastor John Fortune May 17'26: "Tanakh: Joshua**

*From Brendan: "These questions are a guide. You do not have to use every question. Knowing your group, go over these questions and ask God what questions you should focus on. May God bless and guide your discussions!"*

- Welcome everyone and open with prayer. **Optional:** *take communion together!*

### **Icebreaker Question:**

- Who are your favourite female characters in the Bible? Why?

### **READ Joshua 5:13-15; 24:11-18**

- What details stand out to you?

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Joshua asks the Commander of the Lord's army, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" Why do you think the Commander responds, "Neither"? What does this reveal about God, and about the danger of trying to fit God into our own tribal or political categories?
2. The sermon suggested that the greatest danger in Joshua is not merely enemies outside the people of God, but the slow drift of the heart away from God. What are some ways people today slowly drift spiritually without openly rejecting God?
3. The sermon named achievement, security, and control as some of the "respectable idols" of North Shore culture. Which of these pressures do you most feel personally, and how can good things slowly become ultimate things?
4. Rahab is a surprising example of faith in Joshua. What stands out to you about her story? What does her inclusion in both Israel and the genealogy of Jesus teach us about grace, belonging, and the kingdom of God?
5. Near the end of Joshua, Joshua retells the story of God's faithfulness before calling the people to "choose this day whom you will serve." Why is remembering so important to faithfulness? What are some practical ways Christians can remember God's faithfulness when they feel spiritually tired, distracted, or discouraged?

### **LIFE APPLICATION:**

- What is something you can do this week to remind your household that you follow the LORD? Do it!