

The Gospel of the Kingdom

Week 4 - Day 5: Share the Gospel

One of the interesting subjects that often comes up in the era of Joshua through King David is the conquest of the Canaanites and Israel's enemies. The question that often arises is why does the Old Testament God seem so violent in these stories? Here is one of the more clear walkthroughs about how to answer this common objection!

The **GOOD NEWS** is that God continues to bring His people into salvation through His ultimate judgment of sin and those who would bow their knee to the kingdom of the serpent.

Share the Gospel Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-tmbowUIO8>

Community Group Discussion Questions:

At the end of every week, we will be collecting the 2-3 sentences about sharing the gospel so that you can be equipped with brief summaries that explain how each text moves the gospel message of God's kingdom forward! As always, feel free to come up with questions of your own based on your observations and conversations

Question: What observations / reflections / or prayers stood out to you about this week?

Joshua: Our King will shake Heaven and Earth to bring His people into His promises. We long for God's kingdom land that will one day be cleansed of every wicked ruler and their false gods and where we will be able to obey the commands of our King!

Questions: When sharing the Gospel, how would you reconcile God's love and God's judgment, especially over the complete slaughter of the people group of Canaan?

Judges: God's love for you, (and for your friends and family) is bigger than any mistake that you will ever make. There is no sin that is too big for Him to forgive; there is no one too dirty for Him to make clean.

Questions: Where have you seen the downward spiral of sin in your life that is similar to the book of judges? When sharing the gospel, where might someone else see a downward spiral of sin? How would you tie this downward spiral into a presentation of the gospel?

Samuel and King Saul: Israel wanted a king who would bring unity, justice, law, and order to the chosen people of God. In this new structure of government over God's people, it was going

to take a king overflowing with humility, someone after God's own heart, who would be able to govern God's people and reflect His loving commands.

Questions: What are the things that you see people grasping for as an escape from their sin? Using this list of things, what are the ways that you can point to the coming Messiah?

King David: The story of King David is one that foreshadows a king of complete humility and total obedience. This is what it means to be "after God's own heart". As representatives of Christ's Kingdom, we are called to go out and find those who are broken by sin and restore them to the table of God.

Questions: Who do you know that may need restoration? How can you practically offer them God's mercy and restoration as a representative of Christ?