

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Twenty Five—The Law & the Land: Joshua 8

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1. a) How do you think Joshua and the Israelites were feeling after the events of chapter 7?

b) What is your greatest challenge (emotionally, physically and spiritually) after you have suffered a defeat?
2. a) What were the Lord's instructions for battle with Ai to Joshua in 8:1-2 and how did they differ from how the Israelites fought the prior battle at Ai?

b) Why do you think the Lord allowed them to take plunder when that was the very essence of their disobedience in chapter 7?
3. a) Summarize the battle plan given in 8:3-8.

- b) Was the plan followed this time?
4. What did the King of Ai do when he saw Joshua and the 5,000 soldiers? How did this further the Lord's battle plan (8:16-17)?
5. a) What instrument did the Lord ask Joshua to use to defeat Ai and what happened when he used it (8:18-19)?
- b) How is this incident similar to Moses at the Red Sea crossing in Exodus 14:16?
6. a) What happened to the men of Ai and the King of Ai in 8:20-23?
- b) How many men and women fell that day?
7. What became of Ai and the king of Ai (8:28-29)?

8. a) Describe exactly what Joshua did after the victory at Ai in 8:30-35?

- b) What do you think was the significance of the altar and of reading the Law of Moses? For insight, read Deuteronomy 11:29-32 and Deuteronomy 27:1-8.

Going Deeper:

9. What are some of the benefits you have received from hearing the Word of God in your life?

10. a) Encourage the women in your group by recounting a time when the Lord gave you a victory in a particular situation and how that experience changed/impacted your relationship with the Lord?

- b) What did you do after the victory?

11. If you have recently suffered a defeat in your life, ask the women in your group to uphold you in prayer. Specifically ask them to cover you where you are most vulnerable at this time.

