

## Lesson 7 Bargain with the Gibeonites

Find positive and negative examples (with verses) of our five themes (implied or in action) in Joshua 9.

### **Every Place the Sole of Your Foot Treads, I Have Given You**

Positive

Negative

### **No One Will Be Able to Stand Before You**

Positive

Negative

### **Be Strong and Courageous**

Positive

Negative

### **Be Careful to Do According to All the Law**

Positive

Negative

### **The Law Shall Not Depart from Your Mouth/Meditate on It Day and Night**

Positive

Negative

## **Thought Questions**

1. In Joshua 9:1-3, what is the political situation in the land at this point? What two options do the inhabitants think they have? Why do you think only the Gibeonites tried to make a covenant with Israel? Consider Joshua 10:2 and 11:19-20.
2. What objection do Joshua and the leaders raise against making a covenant with the envoys in v.7? According to Deuteronomy 20:1-15, would this covenant have been wrong if the Gibeonites had been from a far country?
3. What do you think God might have told the Israelites to do if they had taken counsel from Him? Consider Joshua 11:19-20, Deuteronomy 20:16-18, 29:11, and the example of Rahab.
4. What do you think the leaders of Israel do wrong in this story?
5. Consider 2 Samuel 21:1-6. How important was it to God that Israel keep the vow they made to the men of Gibeon, even 400+ years later?
6. What additional applications might we draw from James 5:12 when we consider it in the context of Joshua 9 and Israel's vow to the Gibeonites? Why does God want us to refrain from making vows?