PERKINSVILLE CHURCH

Questions To Go Deeper

October 29 & November 1, 2026

Topic: Achan's Sin (from Joshua 6-8)

1) Read Deuteronomy 7:1-16. What is the clear command of God when it comes to the people (and their possessions) Israel will encounter in the Promised Land?
    a. Why must it all be destroyed?
    b. Why does Israel not *need* to covet the possessions of the people in the land?

2) Read Joshua 6:18-19. What should the people do with the possessions of the people of Jericho?

3) Read Joshua 7:16-21. What did Achan do?

4) Read Joshua 7:1, 10-15, 22-26. What is God and the people's response?
    a. Why is their response so drastic?
    b. Why can there be no sin in the land? Think about present and future affects.

5) Do you think Achan understood the command? Then why did he disobey anyway?

6) What is at the heart of Achan's sin?
    a. Why do you think coveting is so bad that it would be one of the ten things God tells Israel not to do as part of the Ten Commandments? Think about what coveting does to trust and obedience.

7) Read Ephesians 4:28. According to this verse, what is the opposite of stealing? Why?
    a. How is generosity a weapon against coveting?

8) Achan kept for himself what God said was His. How do we keep straight what is God's and what is ours?