

Sermon Based Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of June 7, 2026

Icebreaker Questions

- What's one project you've started and wanted to quit halfway through?
- What's your favorite story of perseverance from sports, history, or personal experience?
- When you face a challenge, are you more likely to push harder, make a new plan, or ask for help?

Sermon Summary

(If you missed this week's sermon, it's always available by noon on Monday on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/@horizoncommunitychurch>)

This week's sermon, *One More Lap*, teaches that many of life's greatest obstacles are not ultimately strategy problems but trust problems, and the victory at Jericho demonstrates that God often works through obedience before visible results appear. God declared Jericho defeated before Israel marched, showing that obedience is participation in a victory God has already secured rather than a way to earn it. The Israelites' six days of seemingly pointless marching remind believers to remain faithful when nothing appears to be changing, trusting that God is working beneath the surface. The collapse of Jericho's walls reveals that God's victories often come suddenly after long seasons of faithful obedience and are accomplished in ways that bring Him alone the glory. While God brought down Jericho, Christ has already secured the ultimate victory over sin and death, inviting people to trust Him and keep taking "one more lap" of faith.

Opening Prayer

Briefly pray and invite the Lord into your conversations to bring wisdom and insight to His Word. Pray around the theme for the sermon/discussion.

Primary Passages of Scripture

Read Joshua 6:1-2, Isaiah 55:8-9, Hebrews 11:30, Lamentations 3:22-23

Discussion Questions

Pick 2-3 questions for discussion across the group

- How do you think the Israelites felt during the first few days of marching?
- What do you think would have been the hardest part of obeying God's command?
- Why do we often focus more on obstacles than on God's promises?
- Why is obedience often difficult when results are not visible?
- Why do people tend to quit when progress is not immediately visible?
- Have you ever experienced a season where God seemed to be working beneath the surface?
- Why do you think God sometimes delays visible breakthroughs?
- Have you ever experienced a breakthrough after a long season of faithfulness?
- What does "Don't stop on six" mean to you personally?

Prayer

- Ask: "How can we pray for you this week?"
- Assign each request to a group member to ensure everyone is prayed for during the prayer time.
- Assign someone to open in prayer and someone to close in prayer.

Closing