## January 11 & 12, 2020 | Upgrade – week 2 Group Discussion Questions

# **GROUP PREP**

In preparation for group, read <u>Joshua 6:1-20</u> and <u>watch Emmanuel's weekend service's message</u>, then answer the following discussion questions.

## **INTRODUCTION**

God told Joshua to "Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them." However, the Israelites had zero experience in battle. Moving into the Promised Land was going to require them to push past their comfort zone. The same is true for you. If you want to experience an upgrade in an area of your life, you will have to do things you've never done before. You will have to push your limits.

# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. This coming year, in what area(s) have you decided you want to experience an upgrade? Why did you choose this area?

Describe a time when you accomplished something you didn't think was possible. Was it necessary to push yourself outside your comfort zone to achieve your goal? How so?

2. Read about the Israelites' victory over Jericho in <u>Joshua 6:1-20</u>. What military tactics were used to defeat the city of Jericho? How do you think these unconventional methods forced the Israelites outside of their comfort zone?

To experience the upgrade of defeating Jericho, the Israelites had to do their part. Just like the Israelites, any upgrade you are going to experience will involve effort from you. God will not merely give you an upgrade. How does it make you feel to know that God won't just give you an upgrade?

How much of your upgrade is God's responsibility, and how much of it is yours?

3. To defeat the city of Jericho, Joshua followed God's instructions precisely. What are you doing to ensure your upgrade is from God and that you are following His instructions to accomplish your upgrade?

How are you planning to push your limits? How far outside of your comfort zone is this plan going to take you?

#### ACTION STEP

4. Is this upgrade something you've attempted before, and if so, why'd you give up?

Read <u>Philippians 1:6</u>. Before the Israelites' march, the Lord told Joshua he would deliver Jericho into his hands (v.2). If your upgrade is from God, you are not alone. God is on your side. What can you put in place now to ensure your upgrade is failproof, and you are prepared to push beyond your limits?

OUTREACH: GROUPS IN ACTION To determine how your group can serve together in our community, email Breanne Schafer at bschafer@eclife.org.

# FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK'S ACTION STEPS.

My action step is	
This coming week, I will encourage action step.	to complete the
Their action step is	
My memory verse is	
This coming week, I will pray for the group's follow	ing prayer requests: