

Joshua 9 Discussion

1. In what ways do people sometimes pretend to be who they are not?
2. What does it feel like to be deceived by a friend?
3. What was the reaction of Israel's neighbors when they heard about the battles Israel had won? (9:1–2)
4. Under what false pretenses did the Gibeonites present themselves to the Israelites? (9:3–6)
5. Why did the Gibeonites go to such lengths to make a treaty with Israel? (9:6, 24)
6. What mistake did the leaders of Israel make in dealing with the Gibeonites? (9:14)
7. Why did the Israelites not attack the Gibeonites when they discovered they were their neighbors? (9:18)
8. What does this story teach us about the consequences of sin?
9. What does it mean to “inquire of the Lord”?
10. Why is it dangerous to rely on appearances when making important decisions?
11. How may we become more discerning in our interactions with those who may wish to manipulate us?
12. What do you want to remember the next time you make an unwise decision?
13. Do you inquire of the Lord before you make important decisions? Why or why not? What size decision do you take to him, and what size do you feel comfortable making on your own?