

Joshua 22 Discussion

1. To the best of your knowledge, why is our legal system based on the concept of “innocent until proven guilty”?
2. How do you think you would feel if you were falsely accused of a crime?
3. How can the average person protect himself or herself against false accusations?
4. Why did Joshua summon the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh? (22:1)
5. How had the eastern tribes been obedient? (22:2)
6. Why did Joshua encourage the eastern tribes to return home? (22:4)
7. What did the eastern tribes build near the Jordan River? (22:10)
8. Why did the Israelites plan to go to war against the eastern tribes? (22:11–12)
9. What assumptions did the Israelites make about the eastern tribes’ behavior? (22:12)
10. How did the Israelites resolve their dispute with the eastern tribes? (22:13–14)
11. How did the eastern tribes respond to the accusations of the Israelites? (22:22–23)
12. Why do we need to “be very careful” to obey God, as Joshua advised Israel?
13. What does it mean to serve the Lord “with all your heart and all your soul”?
14. What lessons can this story teach us about resolving conflicts?
15. How should we respond to false accusations?
16. What does this passage reveal about the consequences of one person’s sin on others?