

The Other Side of God

Joshua 10-12

• *Focus: on the severity of God's judgments against evil and the trust and obedience that is to engender in us*

Resources:

Here is a helpful 7 min. video on violence in the OT:

<https://www.seedbed.com/7-keys-to-understanding-violence-in-the-book-of-joshua/>



NW's 2018 Priority

Bought: we belong to Christ!

we want to ...

- be captivated by the truth that we belong to Christ, that we are His people and...
- be in awe of this privilege...
- respond in willing obedience...
- invite others to join us!

Discussion:

- Watch the video at the link on the sidebar. Do you think that these mitigating factors are important in explaining God's actions in Joshua 10-12?
- When you encounter passages like this, what do you learn about God from them? Read the following passages about God as judge and discuss why this is a good and necessary attribute of God: Ex. 12.12; Ps. 9.16; 75.7-8; Rom. 2.5, Heb. 10.30-31; Rev. 20.11-13
- What questions do texts like this raise for your friends outside the church? for you? what helps you answer those or keep them in their right perspective?
- How should passages like these affect how you view sin and temptation personally? How should they affect the way you view broader evil around you?
- spend time praying for these passages to have their desired effect on us in terms of fighting evil personally and all around us.

Missional Opps! Challenge your group to love a neighbor well at one of these events!

- Take a neighbor to **Six Sundays in Spring** - Starts this Sunday evenings at Joyner Park.
- Take a neighbor to **Friday Night on White**, Takes place along South White Street on the second Friday of each month from April through September. The free concerts run from 6-9 p.m. and feature a variety of premier local bands.

