

**Life Group Questions
for the week of September 18, 2011**

How To Avoid A Civil War: Joshua 22

1. In Joshua 22:5, Joshua challenges the weary warriors of the Eastern coalition to remain faithful to the Lord their God. Why is it harder to stay connected and obedient when we are weary and tired? Why is it hard after a long, hard fought victory?
2. The five verbs of verse 5 capture it all (love, walk, obey, hold fast, and serve). Which one of these areas do you feel like you need to work right now? Why is that? How can your small group pray for you specifically in this regard?
3. In chapter 22 they came within an inch of a bloody disastrous civil war. In what sense were both sides right? How were they both wrong?
4. Without oversimplifying, a seemingly insurmountable problem was solved by simply asking the other side for clarification. In the end, basic communication made all the difference in the world. Can you think of and share a time when you incorrectly "assumed" you knew someone's thoughts and motives, but by not going directly to them it led to bigger problems?
5. Why do you think reconciliation is so important to God? How would we pursue it as individuals or as a church?
6. Dealing improperly with other's sin leads to more and more sin (Galatians 6: 1). What are the temptations for us?