

# Session #4 How to have a disaster

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#### **Breaking the Ice:**

Can you recall a time when a job seemed easy only to have it quickly get out of hand? Please share.

• Watch opening video presentation

## **Exploration:**

Read: Joshua 7:1-9

Why did they think the battle at Ai would be easy? Based on verse seven, what were Joshua's conclusions concerning the defeat?

Do we ever misplace the blame for our failures? Why is it so easy to do?

Read: Joshua 7:10-15

How often do we explore the possibility that we are to blame rather than God?

How can you make this part of your spiritual discipline?

Read: *Joshua 7:16-23* 

What does the account of Achan tell us about the effect our sin can have on others?

Why are we often self-deceived that we are "only hurting ourselves"?

Read: *Joshua 7:24-26* 

Why does the punishment upon Achan and family shake our modern-day sensibilities?

Do we live in a culture that "goes easy on sin"? How can we combat this in our lives? Our families? Our churches?

### **Bringing it Home**

How can seeing the end of the story help us make the right decision before the trouble starts?

• Watch closing video presentation

#### **Bottom Line**

Personal purity is essential for our spiritual success.