

Killer Cravings

Joshua 7:19-25

▶ _____ our killer cravings

▷ Our cravings are _____ (vv.19-20a)

▷ Our cravings _____ (v.21)

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▷ Take the _____

▷ Shift _____

▷ If you fall, _____

Application Questions

1. Get to know each other: Where did you live when you were 8 years old? At that age, what did you think you *had* to have to be happy?

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2. Re-read verses 19-20. Achan's response shows that he fully understood what he did was wrong and the consequences would be grave. And yet, his craving was so powerful it overrode his conscience, understanding, fear of the consequences and even his sense of self-preservation. In what ways have you experienced the power of your cravings?
3. What does the following quote teach us about our cravings? "[God] has set eternity in the hearts of men" (Ecclesiastes 3:11).
4. Re-read verse 21. What does this tell us about the progress or stages of craving? In light of these stages, how can we control our cravings?
5. According to verse 24, where was Achan stoned and burned? In Hosea 2:15, God says: "I will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope." What do you usually do when you fall, when you covet and take, and even when your life gets stoned and burned?
6. Take some time to ask yourself: What do I crave? In other words, what am I addicted to or have an over-desire for? Think of both physical and emotional addictions or over-desires. You might use the following tests. The comfort test: What is it that I comfort myself with? The solitude test: What is it that I think about when I don't have to think about anything else? The loss test: What is it that if I lost it I would not be able to go on?
7. Share with one another. Pray together, repenting of your cravings, receiving God's forgiveness, and gazing upon the beauty of your Savior.