



Session 2: Conquest
Suggested Week of Use: December 11, 2016
Core Passages: Joshua 6:12-25

News Story Summary

According to news reports, Russia and China have both deployed science fiction-type weapons into outer space. Russia has placed multiple kamikaze satellites, which are designed to disable and destroy other satellites. While China has launched equipment called the Shiyang, which is equipped with a grappling arm that could snatch other satellites out of orbit.

America depends on space more than any other nation. Without satellites, televisions, mobile networks, and the Internet would go silent. Stock markets, bank transactions, traffic lights, and railroad switches would freeze. Airline pilots would become disoriented and lose contact with ground control. The U.S. could lose early warning of nuclear attacks.

Lt. Gen. David Buck, Commander of the Joint Functional Component Command for Space, said, "Our satellites are at risk. And we're working hard to make sure that we can protect and defend them." Currently, the U.S. lacks weaponry that can protect satellites from an attack, so work is quietly being done to develop defensive and offensive capabilities for space.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the phrase "war in space.")

Focus Attention

To replace the Focus Attention ideas, share the news story. Ask: *What kind of strategy would you put together for defending a satellite in space?* Lead the group to identify ideas that seem unconventional and those that seem more practical.

Explain that today's session focuses on the battle of Jericho. Note that God gave Joshua a plan that seemed unconventional. Challenge the group to look for the God-given plan and how Joshua's obedience led to victory.

Challenge

To supplement the Summarize and Challenge ideas, ask group members to reflect on battles they may have faced. Remind them of the news summary. Explain that the U.S. is currently not prepared to fight a war in space but is making preparations. Emphasize that some in the group may not be ready to fight personal spiritual battles. Challenge them to make preparation by resolving to follow Joshua's example of trusting and obeying God when faced with life's battles.