Grow Group Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: What's something you were sure was going to be a disaster but ended up being surprisingly good?

Looking at the Passage — Read Joshua 2:1–14, 22–24

- Look closely at verses 9–11. What does Rahab know and believe about Yahweh?
- Compare the spies' report in Joshua 2:24 with the report of the spies in Numbers 13:27–33. What differences do you notice?
- Rahab had heard the stories of what God had done, and those stories led her to believe they were true.
    - What does that tell us about the importance of remembering and telling the stories of God's faithfulness?
    - What stories of God's faithfulness have strengthened your faith when you needed courage?
- There is great irony here: a Canaanite woman is reminding Israelites of what is true about their God.
    - What do you think God wanted Israel to see through that?
- How do you think Rahab's words influenced the message these spies delivered to Joshua?

Digging Deeper

- Who are you tempted to believe is too far from God, too messy, or too unlikely to be used by Him? How does Rahab challenge those assumptions?
- The person who initially appears to be a danger to the spies becomes the very person God uses to protect and encourage them.
    - When have you seen God use an unexpected person, circumstance, or even something difficult to move you closer to Him?
- Is there an area of your life where you might be **underestimating the power of God's grace** right now?

PRAYER

P — Praise God for a specific way His grace has reached you when you didn't deserve or expect it.

R — Repent of where have you underestimated God's grace - either for yourself or for someone else? Confess where fear, judgment, or unbelief has shaped your response.

A — Ask for courage to trust what God has said rather than what you can see? Ask Him for faith to take the next step.

Y — Yield that unexpected person, circumstance, or difficult situation to God.