Grow Group Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: What's something you once thought would be really difficult but discovered you could do with a little help?

Looking at the Passage — Joshua 9-12

- **Read Joshua 9:7–15**. The Israelites examined the Gibeonites' evidence but failed to seek the Lord. What does their mistake teach us about the danger of relying on our own judgment, even when we think we're making wise decisions?
- **Read Joshua 10:6–11.** Despite Israel's mistake in making a treaty with the Gibeonites, God continued to fight for them. What does this reveal about God's character?
- **Read Joshua 11:1–9,** Israel faced an enormous army equipped with horses and chariots. Why do you think God commanded Joshua to disable the horses and burn the chariots rather than keep them for Israel's future battles?
- **Read Joshua 11:6,** God promised Joshua victory, yet Joshua and the Israelites still had to go into battle. What does this teach us about the relationship between trusting God's promises and stepping out in obedience?

Digging Deeper

- What is one area of life where you are tempted to be confident in your own abilities and forget your need to seek the Lord?
- The message pointed out how the consequences of past mistakes can cause us to question whether God can still work in and through our lives. Is there a past mistake or regret that sometimes makes it difficult for you to trust God's faithfulness?
- Psalm 20:7 contrasts trusting in military strength with trusting in the Lord. What are some modern-day "horses and chariots" that can quietly become sources of our security or confidence?
    - Which of these are you most tempted to rely on?
- Where might God be calling you to trust him right now, even though you cannot see how things will work out?
    - What would taking a step of faith look like for you this week?