Grow Group Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: What's something you tried to hide as a child that your parents eventually discovered?

Looking at the Passage — Joshua 7-8

- **Read Joshua 7:1–5**. Achan secretly takes what God had set apart, yet the consequences affected the entire nation of Israel. What does this reveal about the seriousness of sin and how it can affect others?
- **Read Joshua 7:10–12**. Joshua cries out to God after Israel's defeat, but God's response isn't what Joshua expected.
    - What was the reason for Israel's defeat?
    - What does God's response teach us about the importance of confronting sin rather than hiding it?
- **Read Joshua 7:19–21.** Achan describes how he saw, coveted, took, and hid the forbidden items.
    - How does this pattern resemble what happened in Genesis 3? Have you seen this pattern anywhere else in Scripture?
    - What does this reveal about the way temptation and sin work in our lives?
- **Read Joshua 8:30-35.** Why do you think Joshua gathers the people to worship and hear God's Word after their victory?

Digging Deeper

- Achan likely believed his sin was private, but its consequences reached far beyond himself.
    - Why do we sometimes convince ourselves that certain sins aren't a big deal?
    - How might our private choices affect our families, friendships, or church community in ways we don't recognize?
- Proverbs 28:13 reminds us that those who confess their sins find mercy. What fears or beliefs about God or ourselves keep us from being honest?
- Achan *saw*, *coveted*, *took*, and *hid*. What practical steps can we take to interrupt this pattern before it leads us into sin?
- Despite Israel's failure, God graciously restored them and continued His work through them.
    - How have your past failures affected your ability to believe that God can forgive you and still use you for His purposes?
    - How should the forgiveness and grace we receive through Jesus change the way we respond to our sin?
    - Is there an area of your life where God may be asking you to stop hiding and take a step toward confession and repentance?