

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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FAITHFUL

Foundational Practice: Celebrating the Work of God

We mark moments, make memories, and joyfully delight in life with God! We call out God's work in one another's lives and praise the One who created and delights in us (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). What was the best thing that happened to you this past week that you can celebrate with your group?

1. Break out in groups of 2 or 3 for the next 10 minutes. Thinking of the sermon last weekend and how to seek God's counsel in decisions instead of our sufficiency... is there a decision/something in your life you need God's guidance & counsel for? How can the group pray for you as you seek His will?
2. Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then **Read Joshua 10:1-45** as a Life Group. What stands out to you in this passage and why? What caught your attention in the teaching of this passage?

"God's character towards reconciled enemies shows itself in a profound way through the Gospel."

-BRAD BELL

3. **Read Joshua 10:6-7.** After being deceived by the Gibeonites into making a (binding) covenant of peace in the name of YHWH, Joshua now has to fight on their behalf. In what ways have you been deceived or treated unjustly by someone you love and care for? Did you retaliate towards that person or show them mercy and grace?
4. In what ways are you living faithfully after dealing with failure, treating all setbacks as temporary, and knowing that your past does not define you? Share one thing with your group.
5. **Read Matthew 7:7-8.** In light of the text, Brad mentions, "If you don't pray it, God's not going to answer it. How many of these things are in our hearts that we don't articulate to God, and if we just had the courage to articulate them to God, God might actually move because He's listening?" In what way are you struggling to take everything to God in prayer?

CLOSING CHALLENGE

Spend time meditating on Psalm 139:23-24 this week. What is God showing you about your heart that He wants to heal?