

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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FAITHFUL

Foundational Practice: Celebrating the work of God

This month, we are focusing on our foundational practice of 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). As you spend time in God's Word this week, ask the Holy Spirit to remind you of the Jericho moments in your life and to show you how to share those moments with others.

- 1. Read Joshua 6:1-27 out loud as a Life Group.** What stands out to you in this passage and why? What caught your attention in the teaching of this passage?
- 2.** Spend the next 7 minutes in prayer as a group asking the Lord to reveal the walls around your heart that might be closed off to Him.
- 3.** Jericho-fortified walls were no match for the Lord. As the walls fell, exposing the people in the city to the Lord, they found nowhere to run or hide. Rahab believed the stories about the Lord, and her heart was ready to receive His blessing. What stories have you heard about the Lord that caused you to turn away from your wicked ways and receive His Grace and Mercy?

“The Lord is always accomplishing His purpose even if it doesn't make sense.”

-BRAD BELL

- 4. Read Habakkuk 1:1-5 out loud as a Life Group.** In honesty, can you relate to the complaining of Habakkuk as he cries out to God in prayer? If so, how did you see God respond to your prayer?
- 5.** Brad shared, “In our suffering, it seems like the move here is worship. In the unknown. In the confusion of the battle plan, the first move of the people of God was to worship.” What's your first move, not if but when something happens? Do you turn to self-medicate to ease the pain? Do you isolate yourself from others? Or do you turn to the Lord for help? Share a specific example with the group.

CLOSING CHALLENGE

For this week, spend the next seven days getting out of the house and walking around your neighborhood with God in prayer, and ask Him to soften the walls of your heart. And show you how to celebrate the victories in your life.