

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Foundational Practice: Embracing the Gospel

Embracing the Gospel is at a point in time and over time. We trust Christ as our Savior and Lord for eternity and for today. Daily, we are learning how to walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith (Colossians 2:6-7). Part of embracing the gospel is admitting our need for God's grace and wisdom in our life. What are you currently walking through that you need to seek God's counsel for? How are you experiencing trust and neediness before the Lord?

1. **Read Joshua 9:1-27** as a Life Group with the following divisions by at least four people (vs1-2, 3-15, 16-21, 22-27). What stands out to you in this passage and why? What caught your attention in the teaching of this passage?
2. Joshua and the men of Israel trusted their own understanding in evaluating the validity of the Gibeonites' testimony instead of inviting God to give them discernment. What is your process for inviting God to speak into your life? Share with your group examples and outcomes of when you have invited God into those circumstances and when you haven't.

“So the men of Israel took some of their provisions, and did not ask for the counsel of the LORD.”

-JOSHUA 9:14

3. What are the differences between using God to get something (like a genie granting wishes) and seeking Him for something? If you evaluated your recent requests of God, have you been using Him to get what you want or seeking Him to discern what He wants?
4. If others had a window into your relationship with God and your motives for seeking Him were evaluated, in what ways are you more prone to worshipping God's gifts instead of the One who is the giver of those gifts?

CLOSING CHALLENGE

If you have been convicted by the Holy Spirit as a result of this week's sermon, this study guide, or what others have shared in this group, take time to pray through the places where you currently need God's counsel.