

Fellowship Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of February 18

The Covenant in the Land | Joshua 8:30-35

Opening Connection: *Choose one question. Go around the room and ask each person to give their name and answer. The Discussion Leader is welcome to make up a question.*

- What's a go-to song for you?
- What is your most treasured memory from when you were a kid?
- When was a time you were completely surprised by something someone did for you?

Sermon Text and Content Question Ideas: *Discuss the content of the text and ask your own follow-up questions as the discussion unfolds.*

- Open up to Joshua 8:30-35. Ask a volunteer to read it out loud.
- What is the significance of building an altar in the Land?
- What were some of the other place in the Old Testament that altars were built? And how do those passages help us understand Joshua 8?

Read: Deuteronomy 27:1-8

- What is the context of Deuteronomy? Where does it fit in Israel's story?
- Verse 7 mentioned rejoicing. Why would this be a joyous celebration for Israel?

Read: Deuteronomy 31:9-12

- What are some of the similarities between this passage and Joshua 8:30-35?
- Why is God's Word so important and central to worship?
- What does this assembly in Joshua 8:33-35 show us about God?
- What do you think Rahab and her family would have thought/felt/experienced as a part of this gathering?
- Was there anything else that stuck out to you from Joshua 8:30-35?

Discussion/Application Question Ideas: *Focus now on applying the content of the message.*

- How has this passage shaped or changed your thinking about worship?
- What are some ways me might be tempted to be disobedient in our worship?
- What are some of the ways we can keep God's Word central in worship?
- Why is God's Word, not experience, central to the Christian life?
- Why is it important for us to recognize that God is blessing the nations? How can you be a part of that blessing?
- Which of the promises/blessings we have in Christ encourages you the most?
- How can we celebrate and rejoice in God's promises in our own daily lives?

Prayer Together

- Ask for a volunteer to be the last person to pray, and have a time of prayer together, with a few different people praying.
- Pray for God's Word to bear fruit in your lives, in light of what you have discussed.