**Fellowship Community Group Discussion Guide**

Week of February 4

The Enemy Within | Joshua 7

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

* Have you ever hurt yourself in an embarrassing way?
* What's something that’s hard for you to do?
* Tell the group about the home you grew up in…where was it, what do you remember about it, did you enjoy living there?
* Describe the ideal weather day, in your opinion.

**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 7:1. Ask a volunteer to read it out loud.
* What is the context of this passage? What has already happened to this point?
* Discuss the Hebrew term *herem* (“The devoted things”). What does it mean and why is it important?

Read: Joshua 7:2–9

* What happened? Why were the people of Israel defeated?
* How do we know that Joshua was extremely distressed?

Read: Joshua 7:10-26

* What does God say is the real problem?
* Even though God said everything from Jericho belonged to Him, why does Achan say he kept some of the things for himself? Can you imagine ways he may have justified that?
* Why did the people have to destroy Achan, his whole family, and all his possessions?
* Why isn’t it unjust for God to require that?

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

* What was one of the dangers of the enemy within that stuck out to you from the message and why?
* In what ways are we tempted to hold things back from God?
* What are some of the things we say to justify and rationalize stealing from God?
* How does our sin “threaten the whole community”?
* What does it mean that our greatest dangers isn’t “Out there”? Why is that the case?
* What is a truth from today’s message that stands in contrast with what the world says?
* What is the main “takeaway” for you from today’s message that will impact your life?

**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.