Fellowship Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of April 21 "The Great Faithfulness of God" | Joshua 13

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.

- What's something your hometown is famous for?
- Have you ever inherited something? What was it and how did you feel when you received it?

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 <u>Joshua 13:1-7</u>. Ask a volunteer to read it out loud.
- Why does the text point out the fact that Joshua was old? What is the tension in the text?
- Why would God have Joshua give out land allotments that included land where the Canaanites still had to be driven out?
- God said He would drive the people out. Why would Israel still have to act in faith?

Read: Exodus 23:27–33

• What does this passage contribute to our understanding of Joshua 13:1-7?

Read: Joshua 13:8–12

• Why would this information be repeated again here? What does it tell us about the faithfulness of God?

Read: Joshua 13:13

• Why is this verse a bad sign for Israel?

Read: Joshua 13:22 and Joshua 24:9–10

• Why is the story of Balaam so significant for Israel's history? What does the story of Balaam tell us about God's faithfulness?

Read: Joshua 13:14 and Joshua 13:33

• Why is it significant that the Levite's inheritance was God Himself? How does this connect to the storyline of the whole Bible?

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

- What aspect of God's great faithfulness stuck out to you most from this passage?
- What are some ways we need to act in faith *because* we know that God is faithful?
- What are some specific details of God's promises that you are looking forward to?
- How should the reality of God's presence in His gathered Church change the way you think about Fellowship Church and Sunday mornings?

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.