SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
Week of November 29

FAITH MOVES
Hebrews 11:29–30

MAIN POINT
Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea and victory at Jericho show that God calls His people to move forward in faith—sometimes after He opens the way, sometimes before—and that some steps of obedience can only be taken together.

LOOK → UNDERSTAND → CONNECT → APPLY → PRAY

LOOK — What does God's Word say?

Read Hebrews 11:29–30 together.

1. What do these two verses tell us about Israel's experiences at the Red Sea and Jericho?

Leader follow-up:

- What was Israel facing when they arrived at the Red Sea? (See Exodus 14)
- What instructions did God give Israel at Jericho? (See Josh. 5:13-6:11)
- What happened in each situation when the people obeyed God?

2. What similarities and differences do you notice between these two examples of faith?

Leader follow-up:

- At the Red Sea, God opened the way before Israel crossed. At Jericho, Israel obeyed before the walls fell. What do you notice about the timing of God's actions?
- What did the people have to trust God to do in each situation?
- Why would neither victory have been possible through human strength alone?

Leader Note: Highlight the different ways God called His people to exercise faith. Sometimes they had to move forward after God opened the way; other times they had to obey before they could see what God would do.

UNDERSTAND — What does it mean?

3. At the Red Sea, Israel was trapped between Pharaoh's army and the water. Read Exodus 14:10–16. What does this account teach us about moving forward in faith when we cannot see a way ahead?

Leader follow-up:

- How did the Israelites initially respond to their circumstances?
- What did God tell Moses to communicate to the people?
- What is the difference between moving forward in faith and simply acting recklessly?

4. At Jericho, God gave Israel an unconventional plan that required repeated obedience before anything visibly changed. What does this teach us about trusting God's instructions?

Leader follow-up:

- Why might marching around a fortified city have seemed foolish from a human perspective?
- What would have been tempting about abandoning God's instructions for a more conventional strategy?
- Why is it important to obey God even when we don't understand what He is doing?

5. What do these two stories teach us about the importance of shared faith and obedience within God's people?

Leader follow-up:

- Why was it important for Israel to move forward together at the Red Sea and Jericho?
- How did the people's obedience depend on following God's instructions as a community?
- What can happen when God's people encourage one another to trust and obey Him?

CONNECT — How does it connect to our lives?

6. Have you ever faced a situation where you knew you needed to move forward in faith but couldn't see how things would work out?

Leader follow-up:

- What made the situation feel uncertain or overwhelming?
- Were you tempted to wait until you could see the entire path ahead?
- What helped you take the next step?

7. Why can it be difficult to obey God when we don't immediately see results?

Leader follow-up:

- How do we typically respond when our efforts don't seem to be making a difference?
- Are we more comfortable trusting God when we can see progress?
- What can the example of Israel at Jericho teach us about patience and perseverance?

8. Why do you think God sometimes puts us in situations where we must rely on other believers rather than trying to move forward on our own?

Leader follow-up:

- What are some steps of obedience that are difficult to take without the encouragement or help of others?
- Why might pride or independence keep us from seeking support?
- How have other believers helped strengthen your faith during a difficult season?

APPLY — What will we do with it?

9. Is there an area of your life where God is calling you to take a step of faith even though you cannot see the outcome?

Leader follow-up:

- What makes that step difficult?
- What truth about God's character or Word do you need to remember?
- What is one concrete step of obedience you can take this week?

10. Are there any situations where you are relying more on your own strategies or abilities than on God?

Leader follow-up:

- What are you trying to control or accomplish on your own?
- What would it look like to depend more fully on God?
- How can you distinguish between responsible planning and trusting your own strength instead of God?

PRAY — How should we pray about it?

Share briefly:

- Where do you need to move forward in faith even though you cannot see the way ahead?
- Where are you tempted to rely on your own strength or strategies?
- How could this group help you take a step of obedience?

Pray for one another:

Ask God to strengthen your faith when the way forward is unclear, give you confidence to obey His Word even when you cannot see immediate results, and teach you to depend on Him rather than your own strength. Pray that your group would become a community that encourages one another to trust and obey God together. Thank Him for His power, faithfulness, and provision.

Pray also for other requests, needs, and praises of group members.