Endless

Week 2 Discussion Guide

Icebreaker

What is one thing you paused to celebrate (i.e. birthday, anniversary, retirement, etc.) and what made that moment worth marking?

Read

Take turns reading Joshua 24:11-29 (Optional: Have your group read the passage in two different versions. Then have the group retell the passage in their own words.)

Discuss

Joshua is nearing the end of his life, and before he dies, he reminds the Israelites of everything God has done for them. He wants them to remember where they came from and how God has been faithful along the way because it's easy to forget what God has done when we get caught up in what's happening right in front of us. Remembering God's faithfulness helps keep us grounded and reminds us of who He is.

- **As you read verses 11-13, what stands out about how God describes His role in Israel's victories? What does it reveal about His character?**
- **When you look back over the last 2 - 5 years of your life, what is one thing God provided that you could not have arranged on your own?**

Joshua does not celebrate and sit down. He celebrates and then confronts. He calls the people to throw away their idols, not just push them to the side, but eliminate them permanently. This is the uncomfortable part of gratitude. When we truly see what God has done, it exposes everything we have trusted in His place.

- **What are some modern-day "idols" that compete for our full devotion? Which ones are hardest to name honestly?**
- **The people declared "we will serve the Lord" quickly and confidently. Joshua pushes back and essentially says, "You don't fully understand what you're committing to." Why is it important to count the cost of following God rather than making a quick emotional declaration?**

Joshua makes sure this isn't just an emotional moment. He writes down their commitment and sets up a stone as a reminder of the promise they've made. He wants them to remember this decision and actually live it out because faith that does not move into action tends to fade.

- **Is there someone in your life, a spouse, child, friend, or mentor, who needs to hear you make this kind of commitment out loud? What has held you back?**
- **Joshua set up a stone as a physical reminder of the covenant. What is a practical way you could create a marker or reminder of a commitment you are making today?**

Application

End your time with a personal challenege and encourage each person to do the following:

- **<u>Remember:</u> Write down one specific thing God has done in your life that you don't want to forget. Take time this week to thank Him for it.**
- **<u>Remove:</u> Identify one thing that has been competing for your heart, attention, or devotion to God. What is one practical step you can take to put it back in its proper place?**
- **<u>Commit:</u> Write down one specific way you want to intentionally serve and follow the Lord in 2027. Make it something you can actually put into practice, not just a good intention.**

Prayer

Spend time in prayer thanking God for His faithfulness, asking Him to reveal anything competing for your heart, and commit to serve Him wholeheartedly in the year ahead.