Small Group Guide: Remembering God's Faithfulness

Opening Prayer

Key Takeaways:

- 1. God reminds Israel of His faithfulness through three key events: the Exodus from Egypt, the story of Balaam and Balak, and crossing the Jordan River.
- 2. We often struggle with fully committing to God, keeping one foot in the world and one in faith
- 3. Remembering God's past faithfulness is crucial for maintaining our faith and resisting temptation.
- 4. We need to be intentional about prioritizing our relationship with God over worldly pursuits.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. The sermon mentions the Israelites' tendency to forget God's faithfulness. Can you relate to this? Share a time when you forgot God's past faithfulness in your life.
- 2. How do you think remembering God's faithfulness can help us resist temptation and stay committed to our faith?
- 3. The pastor uses the analogy of crossing the Jordan River as a metaphor for fully committing to God. What are some "papers" (like in the cigarette analogy) that you might be holding onto, preventing full commitment?
- 4. Discuss the three places where Balak took Balaam to curse Israel. How do these locations relate to our spiritual journey and decision-making process?
- 5. The sermon emphasizes the importance of being in God's Word, prayer, and fellowship. How can we practically prioritize these spiritual disciplines in our busy lives?
- 6. What are some modern-day "Baals and Ashtoreths" (idols) that Christians might struggle with today?

Practical Applications:

- 1. This week, take time to write down 3-5 specific instances of God's faithfulness in your life. Reflect on these daily.
- 2. Identify one area in your life where you're struggling to fully commit to God. Share with the group and pray for each other in these areas.
- 3. Create a plan to increase your time in God's Word, prayer, and fellowship. Be specific and realistic.

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for His faithfulness and ask for His help in remembering and relying on it daily. Pray for strength to fully commit to Him and resist worldly temptations.