

# Discussion Questions

## **INTRODUCTION**

Sin is serious. Achan and his entire family bore the full weight of his sin. Today, Jesus bears the weight of our sin for us. How will you respond? How will you choose to live differently because of God's mercy?

## **GETTING STARTED**

1. Share about a time in your life when you were hurt or injured by what someone else had done. How did you handle the situation? What happened to the other person?

## **BIBLE IDEA**

2. Read Joshua 7:1-5; 10-15 & 19-26. To whom were the 'devoted things' in vs 15 promised? Why did the Lord's anger burn against the Israelites? List all the people who were affected because of Achan's sin.
3. Read James 1:14-15. Describe the progression of sin. How have you seen this progression play out in your own life? What are some ways that have worked for you to free yourself from this path?
4. Read Isaiah 59:2. What happens to your relationship with God when you sin? What might be holding you back from restoring it?
5. Read 1 Peter 2:24 & Romans 3:23-26. How serious is our sin to God? Why did Jesus die on the Cross? What is your response to this act of mercy? How are you empowered to live for His righteousness?

## **NEXT STEPS**

6. Is there a specific sin to cast off in your life? What can you do right now to experience freedom?
7. What specific action step will you take this week to express your gratitude to God for His mercy?