# **Small Group Leader Guide**

Sermon: Whose Side Is God On?

Main Text: Joshua 5:13-15; John 18:36-37

# **Opening Questions**

- 1 What stood out to you most from this week's sermon?
- 2 Have you ever felt like one political side had more of God's favor than the other? Why?
- 3 Why do you think we are tempted to put God into our bucket instead of stepping into His Kingdom?

# Read Together

Joshua 5:13-15 and John 18:36-37

#### **Discussion Questions**

- Joshua asked the commander of the Lord's army whose side He was on. How does God's answer ('Neither') challenge our thinking today?
- 2 What does it mean that Jesus' Kingdom is not of this world?
- 3 What dangers arise when we let politics define our faith instead of Scripture?
- 4 How do both political parties sometimes reflect parts of God's truth, and how do they also distort it?
- 5 How can we as Christians live with allegiance to Christ first while still engaging as citizens of our country?

## **Application**

- 1 Evaluate your media diet this week: Are you consuming more politics than Scripture?
- 2 Ask God to help you see people not as Republican or Democrat but as lost or saved.
- 3 Consider practical ways your group can reflect both justice and compassion together, not just one or the other.

## **Prayer Focus**

Pray that God would align your hearts with His Kingdom above all else. Ask Him to give you wisdom to live faithfully in a divided world, and courage to show Christ's love across political lines.