

## Sept 21/25 Small Group Questions

### Read 1 Samuel 11:12-15; 12:6-25

1. What stood out to you from Sunday's passage or sermon? Was there a phrase, image, or story that caught your attention?
2. Tim described Saul's victory over the Ammonites as "the most dangerous moment" — not defeat but success. Why do you think success can sometimes be more spiritually dangerous than struggle?
3. Samuel warns Israel not to turn to "empty things" that cannot save. What are some of the "empty things" people today put their trust in? Which of these temptations feel closest to home for you?
4. Samuel's speech is sharp, even jarring at a coronation. How might God's warnings actually be an expression of love?
5. After warning Israel, Samuel invites them back to covenant at Gilgal. What do you notice about the grace in this moment?
6. How does Jesus' cross embody both the warning and the invitation Samuel gave?
7. Where might God be inviting you to turn away from an "empty thing" and renew dependence on him this week?