

## **Joshua 9**

***The mercy of God rescues and reconciles us in spite of sin and failure.***

1. SPEAKING versus LISTENING

- God speaks through His Word, the Holy Spirit, and people.
- Be still and listen in prayer.

2. UNITY versus DIVISION

- A common purpose can unite separate entities.
- Watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles.

3. DECEIVERS versus DECEIVED

- Sin of commission
- Sin of omission

4. CURSED versus BLESSED

- God's is just.
- God's grace is able to turn a curse into a blessing.

## **Discussion group questions:**

1. How do we inquire of the Lord? Share what God has taught you about “being still and listening”?
2. How does being divided harm the body of Christ? What particular behaviors do we see in both unity and division?
3. How can we guard ourselves against deception?
4. Name some ways God has brought blessings out of a failure in your own life?