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Connect Group Sermon Aligned Discussion Guide.

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Series Title: A Ziklag Moment.
Key Scripture: 1 Samuel 30
Recorded Sermon:
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The Big Idea:
A "Ziklag moment" is a difficult season marked by pressure, loss, or crisis. It's that in-between place where we've left our past season, yet we have not yet stepped fully into what God has promised. In Ziklag, David wept, strengthened himself in the Lord and received a word from God. Victory didn't begin when circumstances changed, it began when David shifted his response. Strength rises when we turn to God instead of bitterness. Breakthrough begins when we stop focusing on what was lost and start moving toward what God says can be recovered.

Starter:
In one word: How would you describe your current season?

Discussion:

1. Read 1 Samuel 30:1–2
   The Amalekites attacked while David was away. They burned Ziklag and took everything.
   a. What stands out to you most about this moment?
   b. Why do you think the enemy often attacks the areas where we feel most vulnerable?

2. Read 1 Samuel 30:4–6
   David and his men wept until they had no strength left. David's own men even talked about stoning him.

    a. What does this show us about how real the pain and pressure was?
    b. What happens when we stay stuck in our pain instead of letting God heal us?

3. Read 1 Samuel 30:6
   "David strengthened himself in the Lord."
    a. What helps you personally find strength in God when everything feels overwhelming?

4. Read 1 Samuel 30:7–8
   David asked God what to do and God gave a clear word: "Pursue… you will certainly recover all."
    a. Why is it so important to seek God's word before we react in crisis?
    b. How can we make more space in our daily lives to hear God's voice?

5. Read 1 Samuel 30:18–19
   David and his men recovered everything the enemy had taken.
    a. What does this teach us about God's ability to restore?
    b. Is there something in your life where you need to declare: "By faith, I will recover what was stolen"?

Diving Deeper:

6. Where have you felt frustrated lately? What would it look like to redirect that into holy anger toward the enemy, rather than bitterness toward people or situations?

7. What specific practices or habits can you put in place this week to stay strong in the Lord during your "Ziklag moments"?

8. As a group, how can we support each other in Ziklag seasons and encourage each other to pursue what God says can be recovered?