

BIG IDEA

Gullibility destroys credibility and discredits God.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Share about a time when you lacked wisdom or were taken advantage of. What did you learn?

Read Joshua 9:1-18. How does this story illustrate this week's big idea? Support your answer.

What about the Gibeonites' story was convincing? What would have enticed you about their proposal?

How did the gullibility of the Israelites discredit God?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

How can you relate to Joshua and the Israelites?

Consider the following quote:

"It's easier to fool people than to convince them that they have been fooled."

— **Mark Twain**

How willing are you to admit that you have played the fool?

Read 1 John 4:1-2. What "Christian" superstitions have you bought into in the past? How did this affect the way you and others thought of God?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

Reread Joshua 9:14. Identify a decision that you are about to make. Have you merely "sampled the provisions" or have you inquired of the Lord?

Spend some time with your group in listening prayer in order to seek wisdom about this decision. What words of wisdom have you received from God?

