

## “God’s grace”

### Joshua 8

10-4-15

1. Did you identify any devoted things in your life last week that you confessed and gave over to God? Name one or two things that you feel comfortable mentioning and describe the difference it is already making in your life. How have you experienced God’s grace this week in relation to what you confessed?
2. Read Joshua 8:1. How does God first respond to Israel when they decide to take their sin seriously and how do we know this? What are some of the benefits for Israel and for us when we receive God’s forgiveness?
3. Read Joshua 8:2. What is the second way God responds to Israel when they decide to take their sin seriously? The apostle Paul says that Christ became poor that we might become rich (2 Cor. 8:9). In what ways has God made you “rich” through the sacrifice of Christ? How do your “riches” look different from the world’s riches?
4. Pastor Jim mentioned that God brings redemption from Israel’s failures because of their effort to take sin seriously. How has God taken your past failures and redeemed them for his good? List specific examples.
5. Pastor Jim mentioned that God responds to our sin with forgiveness, generosity, redemption, faithfulness and more than we could ever hope for. What do you call this? (Read Romans 5:20-21). Why does Paul disapprove the notion that we should sin more to receive more grace? (See Romans 6:1-2). Read Ephesians 2:3. What does Paul say that we were all deserving of because of our sin?
6. Take time to pray with your group. Read Ephesians 2:4-5 aloud. Reflect on God’s grace through Christ and thank him for his goodness and generosity.