

*Unintentional Sins*

Joshua 20:1-6

January 31, 2016

1. Have you ever been plagued with guilt or shame from a past sin? How did you overcome this? Share appropriate stories with your group.
2. Pastor Jim mentioned that the death of the high priest (Joshua 20:6) was accepted by God as payment for the sin of manslaughter. This is an Old Testament picture designed to point us to what God did for us in Jesus. How so? What are the results of Christ's death for us (Galatians 3:13; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18)?
3. Why do you think it is important that we acknowledge that unintentional sin is still sin?
4. Pastor Jim mentioned that Christ's death covers sins that are unknown to us – including sins that we don't feel guilt and shame about. Think about the remarkable implications of this. What does Christ's death set us free from? (See Romans 6:18 and 8:2).
5. What should we do if God brings to mind sins from our past? (Read Proverbs 28:13; James 5:16; 1 John 1:9).
6. While forgiveness is freely given by Christ, the offer must be accepted. Why do you think people are unwilling to accept the gift of grace and forgiveness? Are there sins in your life that you are still withholding from God, not wanting to accept his forgiveness?
7. Take time to pray with your group. Ask God to search your hearts to reveal any sin you are committing that you are currently unaware of. Read Psalm 19:12 aloud and quietly confess that sin and receive forgiveness.