

Grace Unexpected

Joshua 9-10.11

Focus: on how the grace of God comes to the undeserving even when punishment should

Resources:

Here two helpful articles on our passage:

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/scriptorium/2012/12/the-wily-work-of-the-gibeonites/>

https://www.academia.edu/21868135/What_about_the_Gibeonites



NW's 2018 Priority

Bought: we belong to Christ!

we want to ...

- be captivated by the truth that we belong to Christ, that we are His people and...
- be in awe of this privilege...
- respond in willing obedience...
- invite others to join us!

Discussion:

- Read Deut. 20.10-18 as background for our passage. Has this been an issue for you or for someone you know in trusting God to be good? (point your group to the articles on our Leader Blog)
- Read all of chapter 9 aloud together (or listen to a recording at the BibleGateway.com site).
- v. 14 exposes a decision-making gaff that Israel makes. Why do we have this same tendency to not consult God? How can you build that into your every day world more consistently?
- Do you agree with the decision the leaders made to spare the Gibeonites (i.e. covenant over command)?
- Read 10.1-11. How do you see God's affirmation of their decision here? Where do you see His grace towards both Israel and Gibeon?
- How does God's acceptance of the Gibeonites shape how you see people who are far from God morally? How ought that shape the way you act when you see someone at church who isn't all cleaned up and in their Sunday best? Are there groups or classes of people that could fall into this category?
- Spend time praying for people you know who are far from God and their need for His grace is plain to see! Pray for your heart towards these folks, too!

Missional Opps!

- Take a neighbor to Six Sundays in Spring - Starts this Sunday, April 29 at Joyner Park.
- Take a neighbor to Meet in the Street on May 5th. Or sign up to serve here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c4eadab2bo-meet2>