

What Grace Makes of Us

Deuteronomy: Choose Life | Week Eleven | Deuteronomy 9:1–10:22

THE BIG IDEA

Israel did not receive the land because they were righteous. God went before them, mercy stood between them and judgment, and grace made room for them so they could make room for others. The question is not only whether we have received grace, but what kind of people grace is making us.

THE SERMON IN A BREATH

Success edits our memory. Moses catches Israel on the edge of their greatest win and says three times, this was not because of your righteousness. Then he takes them back to the golden calf, because a people who forget how much mercy they needed become merciless. Chapter 10 gives them an "and now": renewed covenant, softened hearts, and a command to love the outsider because they were once outsiders. It lands on Jesus, who alone could claim his own righteousness, and instead stood under our judgment and made room for us.

WHERE EACH QUESTION IS HEADING

- **Questions 1 to 3.** Warm the room and close the loop on last week's step. Keep it short.
- **Questions 4 and 5.** First impressions only. Split the long reading across several people, and resist teaching here.
- **Questions 6 and 7.** Fear versus pride, then good gifts used as proof of superiority. Question 7 is pointed. Answer it yourself first.
- **Questions 8 and 9.** The golden calf and the hidden page. Question 9 may open something real. Protect it, and do not rush to fix it.
- **Questions 10 and 11.** Grace that changes us, then grace that makes room. Question 11 is the sending question. End it with a name and a concrete step.
- **Question 12.** The gospel turn. If time is short, cut a question above, not this one.

TIME BUDGET

Share life	15 min	Back to Jesus	8 min
Setting the scene	5 min	Application, written	4 min
Read the Word together	12 min	Pray together	10 min
Study the Scripture	31 min	Total	85 min

TWO THINGS TO WATCH

- **Comparison.** Someone in the room feels left behind while others are winning. Say it plainly: not getting what you wanted is not proof God has rejected you.
- **Conviction, not condemnation.** If question 9 tips into shame, name the difference. Conviction calls sin into the light. Condemnation says stay hidden.