



SGL Questions

April 1, 2012

Not Because of, In spite of

Deut. 9.1-10.11

Study/Serve Questions:

Tell us about your serve experience this Sunday or share with us one thing that stood out from The Story training on Creation.

Men's SGL Huddle Monday (4/2) at 7pm...did you invite your apprentice?

Focus: calling the church to the humble acknowledgement that all we have from God is by grace, not by our merit

- Also, to challenge us to pray like Moses, interceding unselfishly in ways that honor God and release His mercy

1. Read 9.1-6. How does Moses try to convince the Israelites that God is not acting because they are such wonderful folks?

2. Read 9.7-12. What is Moses great concern for God's people in these verses? Why is this such a deceptive trap for us? How do we fall into thinking we deserve God's favor?

3. Read 9.13-29. How do you explain Moses' rejecting God's offer in v. 14? What seems to be motivating him?

4. In what ways does Moses' example of intercession challenge you? How can we follow his example in the way we pray for others?

5. In what ways does Moses point to Christ in this passage?

6. Optional (don't let these dominate your discussion!):

How do you deal with the tension of God subduing the peoples and Israel driving them out in v. 3? Was it God or Israel who did it?

How do you explain Moses prayer appearing to change God's mind? Was Moses more compassionate than God?