

Chastened Warriors

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AGAIN & AGAIN

WARM UP

Where is the best place in Columbus to go for ice cream? What is your favorite flavor?

COMING UP

GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR

GraceKIDS Choir Musical Sunday, March 17, 4:00 p.m., MC Multipurpose Room

Men's Madness Friday, March 29, 6:30 p.m., Family Center

Haiti Short-term Trip July 27–August 3. An application and \$200 non-refundable deposit are due by Friday, March 15. Call Brandi Frazer (614-257-8091) for more information or visit GracePolaris.org/Haiti to apply.

WITNESS

- On your white board, list the names of people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus.
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 Read Joshua 8. Describe a time when you (or a group you were in) failed and were given a second chance. What went through your mind as you pursued your goal a second time?
- 2 God's stipulations regarding plunder were different for Ai (8:1,2) than for Jericho (6:17,18 and 7:1–26). Why do you think God did this? Was God just being arbitrary or difficult?
- 3 Does obedience require that we understand *why* something is being required? Is it acceptable to ask a superior "why?" before responding in obedience? Explain your answers.
- 4 Joshua urged the Israelites to do both what God had commanded and what he (Joshua) had ordered (8:8). In what situations does God give commands to us through human superiors?
- 5 What do you think is the most fascinating aspect of God's battle plan for the Israelites?
- 6 Thousands of people in Ai were killed and the king was publicly shamed and executed. How would you respond to someone who saw this as ethnic cleansing or religious genocide?
- 7 Joshua read the Law (the blessings and curses from Deuteronomy) to all the Israelites (8:34,35) even though they had heard these words before. Is this kind of repetition an insult or an insight? How should we regard hearing messages that we previously heard, especially those from God? How does obedience demonstrate trust?

PRAY

Pray for a heart committed to Christ.