Weekly Discussion Guide – 3-10-2024

"Sacrifice of Pause"
Joshua 8:30-35

1. Describe an experience that could have been different if you had taken time to pause before or after.

2. Read Joshua 8:30-35. What stuck out to you from the sermon about Joshua leading the people of Israel to take a "sacred pause"?

3. Where would you place yourself on this line as you think about your pace of life?

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Slow-paced Moderate Fast-paced

4. As you seek to honor God and others, what are the strengths and struggles of this pace?

5. See Matthew 5:23-24. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate the seriousness with which our culture observes peace with others as a prerequisite for making an acceptable offering to God? How much do we believe our relationship with God is intertwined with our relationships with our neighbors?

6. What is one simple step you could take to move toward being a real presence of peace and a force of gratitude in your neighborhood? Consider your words, habits, reactions to current events, etc.

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