# Adapting to get from here to there 10 Deuteronomy 9:1-29 When forgiveness works

# Why do good things happen to bad people?

## How good do you think you are?

# God calls you to humility

## Humility has a listening ear

## Humility has an open heart

# The invincible God (1-5)

## It’s His choice

### God was gracious and that grace made them special

## It’s His world

### God is not just working in and with those who love Him

### He is not just with them but is going before them

## He is the Righteous judge

### When He judges it’s not for us to reason why

### No-one is righteous

#### Especially people of faith on a journey with God

# God’s people. A work in progress (6-24)

## God’s people are:

### Arrogant (4), Stubborn (6,13,27), Rebellious (7,23-24), Provocative (8,18), Corrupt (12), Idolatrous (12,16), Sinful (16), Evil (18), Unbelieving (23), Disobedient (23), Wicked (27)

## The evidence is here:

### Horeb, the golden calf (Ex 32-34)

### Taberah, people complained (Nu 11:3)

### Massah, found fault with Moses (Ex17:1-7)

### Hattaavah, wished they were back in Egypt (Nu 11:4-34)

### Kadesh Barnea, refused to believe God and revolted against His leading into the Promised Land (Num 10:11-14:45)

# The faithful leader (25-29)

## Moses knows the mind and heart of God

### He knows how God works

## Moses is an intercessor on their behalf

### He loves them and wants the best for them and from them

## Moses is dependent on God

### He does not have everything worked out

# Remember and Keep

## STAY HUMBLE!

### Ask for the right things

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Getting the attitude right

## Why do you think Moses reminds them to be humble?

## Why do you think people need to be reminded to be humble?

## How does a lack of humility in a Christian or in a church show itself?

### What characteristics go with this?

## If people are not humble how can they be helped to be so?

### Is it our duty to ‘take them down a peg or two?’

# The invincible God

## In this section it is clear that the Anakites are being judged because of their wickedness (5)

### What right does God have to judge these people?

## If God made the promise of the land hundreds of years before (to Abraham) does that mean that the fate of the Anakites was inevitable and ‘beyond redemption’?

# Wayward pilgrims

## In what ways does this passage give hope to Christians who keep falling short on their walk with God?

### How does it encourage you?

#### In what ways does it encourage you to disobedience (because God is faithful)?

#### In what ways does it encourage you to obedience (because of their punishment of 38 years in the wilderness)?

# Faithful leadership

## How important is it for a church leader to know God well?

### What difference is there between knowing God well and knowing the Bible well?

## How important is it for a church leader to pray for the people?

### How can you tell when a leader is doing this?

## How important is it for a church leader to depend on God rather than on their training and experience?

### How can you tell when a leader is doing this?