

**Lesson Title:** The Kingdom Divided

**Scripture Focus:** Ezekiel 37:15-17

### The Lesson in Context

We all make mistakes. Although we strive not to sin or allow our weights to overtake our lives, we can find ourselves struggling. Sometimes we may even fail. Although these moments might make us think God has forever broken His covenant with us, the Almighty demonstrates His great love for us by using our failures for His glory.

We should not willfully sin like the people of Judah and Israel and expect God to always bail us out. But neither should we hang our heads in despair and refuse to accept the forgiveness Jesus gives. After all, Jesus knew we all would fail Him at some point. Yet He loved us enough to die for us. No division is so great that He cannot heal it and reestablish His lasting covenant with us.

### Group Discussion

1. Whom do you ask for advice? Are they helping you grow closer to God or further from Him?
2. Although the golden calves were intended for Israel to worship the Lord, why did God have a problem with them?
3. What might be a “golden calf” in your life that you need to repent of? Are you willing to repent and give it to God?
4. How can we better learn from others’ mistakes so we don’t have to make them?
5. What division do you need to mend with God or others? How can you do so?

### My Prayer for the Upcoming Week

How do you want to be different because of what you have experienced today?

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