

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of November 6-12, 2023

“GOD’S TROPHY OF GRACE”

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Share a funny misunderstanding you had about a song lyric, information you got from Google or something a friend said which you later found out to be erroneous.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Ephesians 2:1-10.

1. What came to mind when Paul describes the condition of humanity in these verses? As you reflect on your past, can you think of specific ways that you have personally experienced God's transformative work, moving you from spiritual death to life in Christ? How can you share this testimony with others to encourage and inspire them?
2. As Paul points out God's rich mercy and great love in this passage, what does this reveal about the character of God and his heart for mankind?
3. Reflect on how you can respond to God's love, mercy and grace with a heart of gratitude and worship. How can you cultivate a spirit of thanksgiving and praise, recognizing the transformative power of God's love in your life?
4. Oftentimes, the point that “it's all about God and not about me” has become cliché for the Christian. How do you want to live this out in your day-to-day (e.g. in your vocation, in your leadership, in your service, in your giving, etc.)
5. The Christian life is grace from first to last. How can you actively demonstrate grace and compassion toward others, even to people who may not like you?
6. What are some common challenges or obstacles that individuals may face in pursuing the good works that God has prepared for them? How have *you* embraced and lived out God's unique purpose in your life? Share examples.

NEXT STEPS

In Christ, we've been made alive. We've been saved by grace. We who once were dead, now walk with a purpose. And we no longer live for ourselves, but for him who called us.

- ☐ I praise God for saving a sinner like me.
- ☐ I praise God for his mercy, his love and his grace.
- ☐ I will live for Christ and for his purposes in my life.

- ☐ *Don't forget to:*
- ☐ Go through the devotionals every day this week.
- ☐ Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.

CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray that you may live a life that will honor Christ.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING GUIDE

November 6	Ephesians 2:1-3
November 7	Romans 5:6-8
November 8	Ephesians 2:4-7
November 9	Psalms 54
November 10	Ephesians 2:8-10
November 11	2 Corinthians 5:17-21
November 12	2 Chronicles 34:1-8