

Life-Giving Generosity

An Adventure of Grace



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Grace

This week we're learning about God's grace and how His grace comes from a deep well and supply.

WATCH THE VIDEO

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Afterward have someone read the discussion questions in the "Hear God's Story" section and start the conversation.



Share Your Story

Begin by praying together. This should be a brief, simple prayer in which you invite God to give you insight as you study. You can pray for specific requests at the end of your time together or stop momentarily to pray if a particular situation comes up during your discussion.

Then begin your time together by discussing the following questions.

- When have you experienced grace in your life?
- What makes it hard to give grace to others?

Hear God's Story, and Create a New Story

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 9:10-11 (NIV) & EPHESIANS 2:4-10 (NIV)

- What have we done to earn God's generosity?
- What role does Jesus play in God's grace?
- When is a time you treated God poorly but received grace from Him instead of punishment?
- Why did God treat you differently?
- When has someone you loved treated you poorly? What would grace have looked like in response? What would it have taken to extend that grace?
- What's the difference between grace and weakness? Where does the strength for grace come from?
- Who models a grace-filled life to you? How can you encourage them or thank them for revealing God's character to you?

Give each person an opportunity to share prayer requests.

Find Your Story in God's Story

If you feel God is nudging you to go deeper, take some time between now and our next discussion to dig into His Word. Explore the Bible passages related to this session's theme on your own, jotting your reflections in a journal or in this study guide. Want to go deeper? Select a few verses, and try paraphrasing them, writing them in your own words. If you'd like, share them with the group the next time you meet.

If there's a lesson to be learned from parenthood, perhaps it's that grace is a process rather than an event. Childhood is an exercise in repeated mistakes, and accordingly parenthood is a practice of repeated forgiveness. In much the same way, God the Father extends grace after grace after grace to us – never because we've accumulated enough goodwill for Him to overlook our faults; rather, because God's love for us runs deeper than our sin. God stands ready, time and time again, to generously bestow upon us His grace and His love even while we continue to fall short of His glory and goodness.

READ 2 PETER 1:2-3 (NLT)

- When have you experienced “more and more grace” as you’ve grown closer to God?
- What has helped you get to know God? How has that deepening relationship helped you better see God’s grace and generosity in your life?
- Whom are you able to extend more and more grace to as a result of God’s grace to you?

READ PSALM 103:1-2 (NLT)

- A significant part of the grace experience is our recognition of and response to grace in our lives. How are we called to respond to God’s grace to us?
- What are some of the good things God has done for you?
- Who needs to hear you sing praises of God’s grace?

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