

WEEK ONE: DAILY GRACE

Grace is an undeserved gift, and it is the basis of a relationship with God. Peace with God cannot be earned or gained through any religious efforts, morality, or performance. God wants us to be rooted in grace, not fear, selfishness, defeat, shame, or revenge. God's grace is sufficient. Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead before we ever knew or loved God. God initiates and pays our sin debt in full. Our identity is established as we are accepted into His forever family and are secure in His love. Faith is not compartmentalized into one day, hour, or place. A healthy relationship with Jesus is 24/7. Jesus is the source of both eternal life and every breath we take. Receiving God's grace frees us up to both rest and risk. Daily grace is following Jesus together in our daily lives.

● OPENING QUESTION

What do you hope to gain from the next 10 weeks?

● READ

Ephesians 2:1-10

The Apostle Paul is writing to the Ephesians (present day Turkey) who were once dead but are now alive in Christ. Jesus makes us new creations and continues to renew our minds and hearts daily. The fruit in our lives can be traced back to the root. A healthy relationship with God creates a healthy heart condition that results in healthy relationships and a powerful influence in the world. We live in a confused culture that is obsessed with performance. Notice in this passage how being precedes doing and a solid foundation leads to an overflow of good works. The early followers of Jesus lived and flourished in a city that was a major commercial center, had a pagan temple dedicated to the Roman goddess Diana, and brought fierce opposition to the gospel. The followers of Jesus didn't shrink back or get discouraged, but instead were full of the Holy Spirit and spread the grace of God from grateful hearts. They united and moved as one family just as God has called us to live in community together. Let's begin to view the Bible through a lens of 'we' not just 'me'.

● REFLECT

Ephesians 2:1-10

WHO IS GOD?

WHAT HAS GOD DONE?

WHO ARE WE?

HOW DO WE LIVE?

REPENT

Turn away from any unhealthy postures or any destructive lies like following Jesus is performance-based, fear-based, or limited to only some parts of your life. Remember what your Savior has done for you. Open your soul in a fresh way to His presence, open your heart to receive more of His grace, and open your mind to what God wants to do in the next 10 weeks. The Holy Spirit is greater than the devil and His perfect love overcomes all fears. Let God have full access to your heart, mind, and soul. God is your healer and the lifter of your head.

● RESPOND

MIND: What lies are you embracing that need to be replaced with Jesus' truth? (John 8:42-46)

HEART: Are you harboring any bitterness, resentment, or impurity? (Hebrews 12:15-16)

HANDS: Have fun and surprise someone this week with an unexpected gift. (1 Timothy 6:18-19)

● PRAYER

Ask God to cleanse your life and receive His grace for fresh vision, depth, and purpose. (John 7:37-39)