

# Grace is Greater Life Group Curriculum

## Week 1 – Greater than our Guilt

**Opening Question:** How would you define grace? What's the first thing that comes to your mind?

**Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 2:1-10 & Hebrews 12:15

### Content and Meaning:

- What would it look like for someone to “miss the grace of God” (Hebrews 12:15)? In what way could a believer know about God's grace but still miss it experientially?
- According to Ephesians 2:1-3, What might be some of the symptoms of being dead in sin? What does spiritual lifelessness look like?
- Read Ephesians 2:4-5 again. How does Paul describe Christ's work in our lives?
- How can it be that God's grace doesn't just cancel out our sin or our hurts but is actually much greater than them?

### Meditation and Application:

Now that we have a better understanding of the teaching of this passage, let's go one step further. Let's focus on what these truths say for our hearts here and now, and how they can help us live moving forward.

- How have you seen grace in your own story of faith? Share with your group how the grace of God came to you and changed your life.
- Where are you right now spiritually? Are you thriving? Struggling? What do you hope to get out of this series on grace?

We often don't need more information about grace – we need to experience grace through stories. Over the weekend (teaching/sermon – Greater than our guilt) we heard about Peter weeping bitterly after denying Jesus. Think of Jesus healing and forgiving Peter.

Many people struggle to receive grace. People often say that God wouldn't show us grace because of one of three things. *“Not after what I've done...”, “Not after what's been done to me..”, “Not after what my life has become...”*

- Do you identify with one of these statements? Take a moment to share the ways you doubt that God's grace is greater than your needs, circumstances and wounds.

In Ephesians 2:4-5, Paul states that all who believe in Christ have been “made alive” – we've been raised to new life in His grace.

- How are you experiencing this new life?
- Now consider your relationships (friends, family, co-workers): Who in your life needs some form of grace from God and from you? If all is well with you, take this time to thank God for grace and pray for those needing it...pray for other Life Groups, pray for friends, co-workers and family members far from God.

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**Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, thank you for this message of grace tonight. We pray now that your Holy Spirit reminds us of the great truths throughout the week. We pray that we truly experience grace as greater – greater than our sins, our brokenness, our hurts. We pray for those who are struggling in this season, would you demonstrate your grace to them through this group? We love you and trust you. Amen.*