

Grace is Greater Life Group Curriculum

Week 2 – Greater than our Brokenness

Opening Question: Did you grow up in Church? If so, was it a place where grace was celebrated and demonstrated? If you didn't grow up in church, what was your perception of Christians?

Opening Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for the opportunity to gather again. Tonight, continue to grow us in your grace as we meet. We often come weary and overwhelmed from a long day, and probably many of us have regrets from the day behind us. So may your grace refresh us tonight, and may we bring ourselves before you tonight in honesty. Let us encourage and build one another up in truth and grace tonight. Amen

Scripture Reading: *Ephesians 2:1-5, Romans 8:28*

Content and Meaning:

- How can we know that this promise of grace is true? According to *Ephesians 2:1-5*, God is "rich in mercy."
- What do you think that means? Can you think of any Biblical stories that demonstrate the richness of God's mercy? (Hint: John 9:1-8 / Read together)
- What stood out to you from this story? What will you remember most?

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 for how they can help us live moving forward.

In, *Romans 8:22*, Paul teaches that all creation has been groaning in brokenness. We live in a fallen world, corrupted by sin and full of lies, pain, difficulty and suffering.

- How are you "groaning" in the world's brokenness right now? How do you long to see your brokenness made whole?
- When in life have you prayed for something to happen – someone to be healed, something to be given – and God didn't answer your prayer? How did you respond? Looking back now, do you see God's grace at work in any way?

When we are struggling, it's tough to remember and truly believe that God's grace is greater than anything we experience.

- When facing the reality of our brokenness sometimes it feels like we are only given grace to get through the day. In what areas of your life do you want to see grace break in?
- Where are you right now? How can you move to a place of feeling forgiven, accepted and loved by God?

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Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for this message of grace tonight. We admit we don't understand your ways, and we struggle when you don't answer our prayers. Give us faith to believe in you anyway. Help us to live in a broken world, but look forward to the eternal life to come. Heal our wounds, make us whole, and make us more like your son, Jesus. In His name we ask. Amen