

Grace is Greater Life Group Curriculum

Week 4 – Greater than our Weakness

Opening Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for this study on grace, and how you are shaping our hearts to realize how much grace we have been given. Tonight, we pray that we take another step on the journey of being “grace givers.” Be with us as we gather. Amen

Scripture Reading: *Ephesians 2:6-10*

Content and Meaning:

In *Ephesians 2*, Paul emphasizes that our salvation is by grace alone – “not from ourselves” and “not by works” (verses 8-9)

To summarize, our salvation is:

By Grace – NOT BY GOOD WORKS.

By Faith – NOT BY OBEDIENCE.

A Gift from God – NOT FROM YOURSELVES.

The work of God – SO NO ONE CAN BOAST.

- Why do you think he wants to make it so clear that our good works are not the reason for our salvation?
- How does our weakness magnify God’s grace?

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.

- Like Paul’s thorn in the flesh, what have you begged God to remove from you? What was the result? How do you approach Him in your greatest area of need and weakness?
- Where in your life do you feel that your weakness is too great? What does it mean for you to believe that God’s grace is greater than your weakness?

Even though Paul says our salvation is not based on our good works, he says that we were also “created in Christ Jesus to do good works” (verse 10).

- How can your weakness and reliance on God’s strength enable you to love and serve others in a powerful way?

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Before we finish this series on grace, let's all take a moment to make a list of how we are thankful . Write down five or six things. Think especially in terms of God's grace.

- Share what you have written down. What are you most thankful for? How does reflection on these things increase your joy and peace?

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