

NEXT STEP QUESTIONS

1. Spend seven minutes discussing this week's talk. What was something that resonated with you?
2. When you think of the word "graceful" as a concept, what comes to mind? Read Romans 3:23-24, Ephesians 2:8-9, and Hebrews 4:16.
3. Read the story again about Jesus dining at Matthew's house. How might you react, in today's society, if Charlie or another pastor was caught "wining and dining" with the sinners? (Matthew 9:10-11)
4. When someone invades your rights or hurts you, how can we handle our emotions and future interactions with that person with grace? (Read Psalm 25)
5. What is one lesson you learned from the story of the prodigal son? (Luke 15:11-32)
6. How can you live a graceful life? Read: 2 Peter 1:2, 1 Peter 4:10, Romans 6:14, and 2 Corinthians 9:8.

Action Step:

Often it is easier to see what God is doing in the lives of others who are close to us, rather than our own lives. Take a moment this week to encourage one other person in your small group, pointing out one thing you see God doing in their lives that blesses you. Write them a card, buy them a cup of coffee, do something special for them and let them know you recognize God's handiwork through something unique in them.



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The Father

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.
Ephesians 2:10 NLT

The Father = God = Grace

God is love.

1 John 4:8 NIV

Love = all kinds of things; the best word is GRACE.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast

Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV

Jesus IS grace because Jesus = Father = God = Grace

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

John 14:9 NIV

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world...

1 John 4:9 NIV

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Luke 15:1-2 NIV

"So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.'"

Luke 15:20-23 NIV

Three things about God's grace:

1. Grace cannot be _____

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"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living."

Luke 15:13 NIV

2. Grace is not deserved, it is received by _____

"I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son,"

Luke 15:18-19 NIV

If you deserve it, it is not GRACE.

"So he got up and went to his father."

Luke 15:20 NIV

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3. Grace is revealed in _____

But where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

Romans 5:20 ESV

But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,

Romans 5:20 BSB

But where sin multiplied, grace multiplied even more,

Romans 5:20 CSB

Yet where sin was powerful, God's gift of undeserved grace was even more powerful.

Romans 5:20 CEV

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Luke 15:20 NIV

"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.'"

Luke 15:22-23 NIV

The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. When news of this reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced and encouraged them all to abide in the Lord with all their hearts.

Acts 11:21-23 BSB

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