



Discipleship Group Discussion Guide

“Saving Grace”

For the week beginning November 13, 2016

Objective: To show that God wants to keep his grace flowing into our life, but His grace can be blocked if we don't forgive, have pride & a bad attitude or try to earn our salvation by works.

Warm Up: Have you ever had a plumbing clog in your house or apartment? How did it inconvenience your life?

Word (5-10 minutes):

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. - Ephesians 2:6-9

When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to **continue in the grace of God.** - Acts 13:43

Hebrews 12:15, James 4:6, Galatians 2:21 (Grace “cloggers”)

Discussion (20-25 minutes):

1. Ephesians 2:6-10. Why does Paul believe it is important that Christians understand there is nothing they can do to earn their salvation? Can you think of some common examples of how people try to earn their salvation?
2. Read John 8:1-11 - What do you observe about the way Jesus extended grace to this adulteress woman? How did grace save and sustain this woman as she left Jesus?
3. Acts 13:43 - What does it mean to “continue in the grace of God?”

Application (10-15 minutes):

1. Describe a time in your life when you screwed up huge, but were shown grace. How did the kindness impact you?
2. Pastor Dave mentioned three grace blockers- bitterness, pride, and striving to keep the law. Share a personal experience of how you experienced this first hand.
3. Pray: “God, you saved me by your grace. Keep me close to you by that same grace!”

