

God's Saving Grace SUSTAINS Us

Psalm 103:1-14

His grace helps us gain victory over **WEAKNESSES**

His grace is new every **MORNING** Laminations 3:22-23

His grace is a **RIVER**, never ending Romans 5:20

Our **ENTANGLEMENTS** Heb. 12:1-3; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

His grace helps us persevere His **SHAPING**

When God's plan is not my **CHOICE** 2 Cor. 11:23-29, 12:7-9

God's grace is the gift of **HIMSELF** Isaiah 41:10-13; Heb. 13:5

His grace helps us only when it's **TAPPED** into

Hebrews 4:16

Pathway to grace: approach, seek, and receive

Notes:

Life Group Discussion Questions – November 20, 2022

Psalm 103:1-5 *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; who pardons all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle.*

DISCOVER

1. Thinking of our weaknesses, how does God's grace help us gain victory? Describe some of those victories in your life. We often respond to victory over weakness during major events in life. What are some examples of victory over weakness in daily life?
2. Phil has described God's grace to be like a never-ending river. Why is that a good analogy? Are there any other analogies that you find meaningful? Why do we have an on-going need for grace? What should we learn about our treatment of others when we consider God's never-ending grace?
3. Phil taught that God's grace is a gift of Himself. Describe how you see grace as being part of God's nature. What are some practical ways you can share God's grace with believers and non-believers who may be in the midst of a struggle?

EXPLORE

1. Read Lamentations 3:22-23 and Romans 5:20-21. What does it tell you about the heart of God that He would extend His endless grace? Read Romans 3:23. Describe the stark contrast of sin that leads to death and abounding grace that leads to life. The gift of grace from God is free but what was the cost?
2. Read Hebrews 12:1-3. How does sin become an entanglement? What does it mean to "lay aside" every encumbrance and sin? When have you grown weary and faint of heart? What restored you?
3. Read Jeremiah 18:1-6. Why do we thirst for grace after a period of time in the hands of the Potter? How has perseverance been a part of the molding you have endured at the hands of the Father?

EXPERIENCE

1. What should be some of the preparatory steps for when God's plan is different than ours? Describe some of the times when your plan was different from His will. Did you readily change course? Why is grace so important when we struggle to follow His plan?
2. What part do you play in tapping into the throne of grace? What does it mean to draw near to the throne of grace? Why should we be confident in Jesus understanding our plight and providing the path forward? What do you need to do to daily remind yourself of drawing near to God? What are the pathways to grace shared by Phil?

PRAY

Pray...Dear Father, for us to fulfill your will in our lives, we need to accept you as the potter. This molding is hard but precious. Before we even accept your shaping of our character, we know we will fall short. In so doing, we plead for your endless grace. We want your will to be done. Amen.

Action...Find a quiet place and give God glory for specific times where He gave you grace despite you falling short of the mark.