Character of God

Week 2: Grace

CCV Groups Discussion Guide

OPENING QUESTION:

Share a time when you showed grace to someone or someone showed grace to you. How did it change you? How did it change the other person?

GROUPS VIDEO GUIDE

READ:

• John 1:1-18

DISCUSS:

- Who has the best story about being let out of a traffic ticket?
- Do you find it easier to accept God's grace for yourself or to extend grace to others? Why do you think that is?
- Read John 1:14 out loud. How does Jesus fully embody both truth and grace?
- Share an experience or an environment you've been in that lacked grace?
- Given that experience, how can we practically take steps toward building a culture of grace in this group?
- What guidelines could we implement that would lead to a grace-filled group?
- Where could you extend one of these guidelines this week where you live, work, or play?

PRAYER:

Recite the Lord's Prayer together. See Matthew 6:9-13.

SCRIPTURES:

Ephesians 2:8–9, "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."



- Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
- Titus 2:11, "For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people."
- Psalm 103:8, "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love."
- 2 Corinthians 12:9, "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."
- John 3:16–17, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."
- Exodus 34:6–7, "And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, 'The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.'"
- Romans 3:23–24, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."
- Hebrews 4:16, "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."