



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Run Over by the Grace Train: Grace Saves
September 15, 2024

LEADER NOTES: Fall trimester: August 19–December 8. **New Leader Trainings:** [December 8](#) on campus; [December 9](#) via Zoom.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Arise Together, Mentorship/Sister Ally: Serve as a mentor and show the love of Christ to women coming out of the sex trafficking industry. [Click here for more information](#) and to sign up.

Equip your Disciple Group: Our Equipping Ministry teachers are available to come to your Disciple Group to teach a session on interpreting scripture, world religions, ways to create your testimony, how to disciple your family and more. [Click here for more info](#).

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) and [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

The Point: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

Sermon Text: *Isaiah 64:6; Romans 5:1-2; 5:8; Ephesians 2:1-10*

Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please make sure you get to the **action step** every week. There is no pressure to get through all the questions; prayerfully plan your choices for your group.

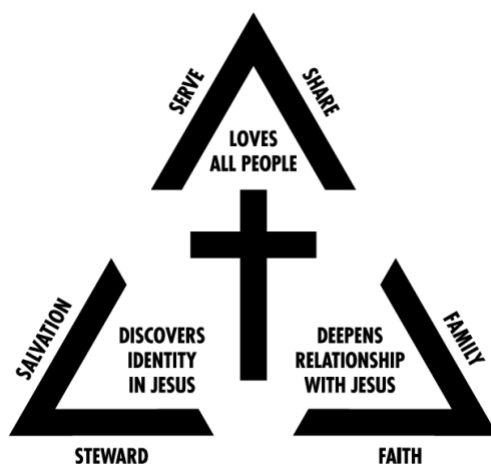
- **Read *Ephesians 2:1-10*. What stood out to you in the sermon this week and what did God reveal to you in the Scriptures, maybe for the first time?**
- **Discover:** What is the significance of the apostle Paul stating that everyone is not merely lost or bad apart from Christ but is **dead in their sin**? (*Sin doesn't just make you bad, it makes you dead. God wants to make you alive, like Adam in the garden before the fall. CS Lewis said in Mere Christianity, "...fallen man is not simply an imperfect creature who needs improvement: he is a rebel who must lay down his arms."*)
Deepen: What does it mean to be **spiritually dead**? (*It means you are separated from God and you don't have the Holy Spirit. You're living in your sinful flesh and making your decisions and actions based on living in the flesh.*)
- **Read *Ephesians 2:3*. What does this diagnosis ultimately tell us about our nature and our future if we do not surrender to Jesus?** (*We will remain sinners, separated from God, on earth and through eternity.*)
- **Discover:** Read *Ephesians 2:4-5*. What did you do in your deadness to make yourself alive and what did God do? (*You did nothing to earn your salvation. It's God's grace - the gift of God. Grace is getting what you don't deserve, and mercy is not getting what you do deserve. God is not waiting on us to get our act together. He calls us to come to Him as we are. He initiates. He invites. He saves.*)
Deepen: What makes the idea of grace so hard for us to comprehend?
- **In what way are you living as if you need to earn God's grace instead of receiving it and living out of gratitude for it?**
- **While your salvation is a free gift to you, it cost Christ everything. How should you respond to this gift?**

Action Step

In your prayer time every day this week, spend some time thinking about the grace Jesus has given you, is giving you now and will continue to give you. Write down the name of someone you need to give more grace to.

Your Discipleship Journey

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