

## By The Grace of God

**Icebreaker:** What is your favorite way to keep cool in these blistering hot days?

**Read Together:** Philippians 4:23 (NIV), 1 Corinthians 15:10 (NIV) **Discuss:** 

- ➤ What do the scriptures for this section say that you have not noticed before?
- ➤ What was the Holy Spirit speaking to you as you listened to Jason speak?
- ➤ What is your identity in Christ because of God's grace?

## **Quote from Timothy Keller:**

"The Bible's purpose is not so much to show you how to live a good life. The Bible's purpose is to show you how God's grace breaks into your life against your will and saves you from the sin and brokenness otherwise you would never be able to overcome... religion is 'if you obey, then you will be accepted'. But the Gospel is Grace is, 'if you are absolutely accepted, and sure you're accepted, only then will you ever begin to obey'. Those are two utterly different things.

Every page of the Bible shows the difference." (Tim Keller)

God's Riches At Christ's

Expense

**Read Together:** Acts 17:28 (NIV), 1 Peter 1:2 (ESV), John 15:5 (ESV) **Discuss:** 

- ➤ What do the scriptures for this section say that you have not noticed before?
- ➤ What can you do apart from God?
- ➤ How do you invite the Grace of God to transform you?
- ➤ Are you actively asking God for more grace?

"Grace is a system of living whereby God blesses us because we are in Jesus Christ, and for no other reason at all." (Steve McVey - Author of Grace Walk)

**Read Together:** Philippians 4:19 (ESV), Acts 4:33 (ESV), Acts 6:8 (ESV), 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 (ESV), Hebrews 13:9 (ESV)

## **Discuss:**

- ➤ What do the scriptures for this section say that you have not noticed before?
- > Describe ways you are seeing God's Grace show up in your life.
- ➤ What would you describe as "A thorn in your flesh"?
- ➤ Who does God want to be for you in this moment of trusting Him for more grace in your life?

## Pray:

- Ask God to show you how He wants to show you grace.
- Ask God for more grace.
- Take time to name and pray for the people that require more grace from you.
- Ask God to reveal more of His grace for you.