



## **TALK IT OVER GUIDE- Wraparound Grace**

### **Key Takeaways:**

- There is a significant need for foster homes, with approximately 400,000 children nationwide needing placement.
- The church is God's plan A to help children in need.
- Caring for orphans and widows is described as pure religion in James 1:27.
- Children often pay the highest price for society's problems.
- God is described as a father to the fatherless and sets the lonely in families (Psalm 68:5-6).

### **Discussion Questions:**

- What was your initial reaction to hearing the statistics about children in foster care? How does this information challenge or inspire you?
- The sermon states, "There are far more Christians in the US today than children who need homes." How does this perspective change your view on the foster care crisis?

- Read James 1:27 together. How does this verse challenge our typical understanding of "religion"? In what ways can we practically live out this definition?
- Discuss the list of societal problems mentioned in the sermon. How have you seen children affected by these issues in your own community?
- Read Psalm 82:3-4. What are some ways we can "defend the weak and the fatherless" in our daily lives, even if we're not called to foster or adopt?
- Jason mentioned three things about fostering: it will be hard, the child is worth it, and you will know God better. How do these statements resonate with you? If you've had experience with fostering or adoption, share your insights.
- What are your thoughts on the "Wraparound Grace" ministry initiative? How could you potentially contribute to supporting foster and adoptive families?

#### Practical Applications:

- Pray this week for foster children and families in your community.
- Research local foster care needs and organizations in your area.
- Consider how you might support foster and adoptive families in your church or community (e.g., respite care, acts of service, or prayer).
- Reflect on your own "why" for serving others and how it aligns with God's heart for the vulnerable.
- If you feel called, reach out to the church's Foster and Adoptive Care ministry for more information on how to get involved.
- Commit to learning more about the foster care system and its impact on children and families.

#### Closing Prayer

Encourage group members to continue reflecting on the sermon's message throughout the week and to be open to God's leading in how they might respond to the needs of children in foster care.