

TALK IT OVER

SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

Note to the Host: Thanks for leading your group and being willing to create community! Remember, this is your group, and you have the freedom to navigate the conversation that best fits your group's dynamic.

ICEBREAKER:

- In your opinion, what is an appropriate time to start celebrating Christmas?

QUESTIONS:

These questions are based off the sermon that took place on Sunday. In this time, feel free to revisit any of the scripture that was discussed in the message. Answer as many questions as your time allows and don't feel pressed to get through them all if running long.

1. In most situations, are you more "flight" or "fight?" Why do you think that is?
2. Share a time when you received a gift that you could never payback? How did this impact you?
3. Has your experience with Christianity been more focused on grace or truth? How does that focus affect your view of Jesus? How does it affect your view of yourself?
4. Read John 1:14:
 - Grace can only be experienced in the context of a relationship. Why was Jesus coming to earth an essential part of God's plan to give us grace?
 - As a friend of Jesus and eyewitness to his ministry, what do you think John meant by, "We have seen his glory"?
 - What is the difference between keeping a balance of grace and truth and being full of grace and truth? Do you find yourself trying to keep the two in balance? How's it going?
 - Jesus never watered down the truth or turned down the grace. Which way do you tend to lean when confronted with someone else's sin?
5. In which of your relationships do you need to extend grace? Speak Truth? *(Be specific)*

NEXT STEPS:

Like life, grace is not fair. Over and over Jesus leaned into and toward unrepentant sinners. He leaned toward guilty people. It was a new category. It was grace. In the person of Jesus, there was a new covenant maker in town. This week, write John 1:14 on a card to remind you, especially in this season, of the reason Jesus came—for you.

PRAYER:

Please don't stress about the time of prayer, pray however your group feels comfortable. This can either be one person pray, or you can go in a circle and have each person pray a few sentences! Be sure to change it up so your prayer time stays fresh in your group.

- Make sure that everyone has a chance to share.
- Encourage and welcome all praise reports!
- Have someone type your requests up so the group can recall them throughout the week.

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