

# 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:

- What is a holiday tradition that you MUST do each year with your family?

### 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. It's game night. You and your friends are laughing, competing, and having fun. And then . . . somebody breaks the rules and changes the course of the game. What's your knee-jerk reaction?
  - The Judge: "The rules of the game clearly state this. There's really no gray area here."
  - The Peacemaker: "It's fine. I know some people play that way. It'll work out."
  - The Eye Roller: "Ugh. If I lose because of this, I'm going to be really annoyed."
2. Which is the relationship currently in your life where you have the toughest time extending grace? Why?
3. Where do you feel the most relational tension right now? Do you notice any patterns when the tension arises?
4. Jesus was never reactive in his words or actions. What are practical ways to pause before reacting in an emotional fashion? What does "pausing" look like for you?
5. Share a time when you've experienced the grace of God.
6. Jesus illustrates how there is no hierarchy of sin – the adulterous woman and the Pharisees both had sin in their lives. Keeping this in mind, are there areas in your life where you need to check your heart?

### NEXT STEPS:

From our perspective, the kingdom of God will always appear upside down. We naturally compare ourselves to standards, but grace doesn't compare. Grace is married to truth and the truth is that we all fall short of God's standard. This week, write "**GRACE > FAIR**" somewhere you'll see it to remind you of what Jesus came to do for you—and for everyone you meet

### 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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