

# The Good News Small Group Discussion Guide



## Warm Up

- What's a time you've received good news? How did you feel, and how did that news change your outlook on the day or week?
- Have you ever been on the receiving end of undeserved kindness? What was that experience like?



## Know It

- Read Romans 3:1-18. What is the "bad news" that Paul is delivering in this passage? Why is it important to understand this before getting to the "Good News"?
- Read Romans 3:21-22. The notes define **faith** as "belief, trust, and reliance on God." How is this different from just knowing about God?
- How does the concept of **justification** (being pronounced righteous by God) connect to the idea of faith?
- What is **propitiation**? Why is it significant that Jesus's death was a sacrifice for sin?
- The notes mention that salvation is "by grace." Read Romans 3:23-26. What does **grace** mean in this context, and how does it relate to **redemption**?



## Share It

- How does the truth that "all have sinned" (Romans 3:23) make you feel? Do you find this to be a discouraging or a freeing statement? Why?
- The sermon notes emphasize that salvation is "for all." How does this idea change the way you view evangelism or sharing your faith with others?
- Discuss a time when you had to rely on God's grace and not your own efforts. What was that situation, and what did you learn?
- Think about the words: belief, trust, and reliance. Which of these comes most naturally to you in your faith, and which one is the biggest challenge?



## **Live It**

- This week, how can you live out a greater sense of reliance on God's grace in a specific area of your life (e.g., work, relationships, finances)?
- In what ways can you share the "Good News" of justification and redemption with someone who feels like they need to earn God's favor?
- Take a moment to write down or reflect on a prayer of gratitude for God's grace and the redemption you have in Christ.
- Challenge: Find one practical way to show "undeserved favor" to someone this week. It could be as simple as an encouraging word or a small act of service.