





COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: We cannot earn God's love and grace; it is freely given to us in Christ despite our sin and shortcomings.

HEAD CHANGE: Our identity is that of God's masterpiece – created anew in Christ for His good works.

HEART CHANGE: Good works should be others-oriented and bring glory to God, not ourselves.

LIFE CHANGE: Receiving God's grace frees us from striving and leads us into His rest.

OVERVIEW

Salvation is God's gift of grace, not earned through good works. Before experiencing God's grace we were dead in our sins, however, God's love and mercy made us alive in Christ. We are God's masterpiece, created to do good works in Christ Jesus, which God prepared in advance for us. We have a purpose ordained by God that we can choose to walk in, not to earn salvation, but as a result of being saved by grace.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift of God – not by works so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the world's view of earning love, success and purpose contrast with a biblical view of grace?
2. How does understanding God's grace change the way we view ourselves and approach life?
3. How can we discern the good worlds God has prepared for each of us?
4. In what ways do you need to experience God's rest in this season? How can we support each other in this?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, we are so grateful for your grace. Show us more of you, help us to see and know who you have called us to be and to walk out the path you have called us to. Help us to experience your rest Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!