

I DON'T DESERVE THIS LIFE GROUP LESSON 1 A THIEF EXPERIENCES ABUNDANT GRACE

Introduction

We are doing this series on Grace to help us obtain the grace we need for this hard season of life. God didn't say just try to be strong, He said "My Grace is Sufficient" when you are weak I will show my strength in your weakness.

Rather than leaning into God's grace it's normal for us to depend on our own strength and our own righteousness. We easily fall into the trap of seeing God's blessings as something we earn or have to deserve. We fall back into the old thinking of the law, that causes us to bring our scorecard to try and deserve what we need to have from God.

We want to learn to live by grace because the Bible says this is how we will "reign in life through Christ Jesus." (Romans 5:17)

Introduction:

1. Can you think of an example of coming across an "I deserve this" entitlement attitude that made you want to not show favor and an example of an "I don't deserve this" gratitude attitude that made you want to show favor?

2. Have you ever been tempted to believe the lie of "you aren't enough to deserve or expect God's blessings?" Where have you sometimes held back from asking, expecting, or acting like you were a person of favor because you've accepted the devil's condemnation? What in your mind is the difference between someone who sees themselves as a forgiven enemy versus a favored son?

3. Have you ever seen a person who isn't helped when mercy or grace is given to them but is just enabled to go on in a selfish lifestyle? What does it take for someone to be transformed by goodness instead of entitled?

4. Can you share about a moment of grace where your spiritual eyes were really opened to see and experience grace that you knew you didn't deserve from Jesus? How did that change you?

5. What is an area where you need to admit that you have been presenting your own works trying to deserve to be blessed? Where do you need to especially receive the grace of God in your life by faith?