

THINK BIGGER

The Story CH. 30

Key Verse:

But because God was so gracious, so very generous, here I am. And I'm not about to let his grace go to waste. Haven't I worked hard trying to do more than any of the others? Even then, my work didn't amount to all that much. It was God giving me the work to do, God giving me the energy to do it. 1 Corinthians 15:10 (msg)

Key Thought:

God's grace doesn't just cover us, it changes us! When we experience the true grace of God, it moves us into action. It not only gives us a new start, it moves us into bringing His works, His words, and His wonders to a desperate world. When we operate out of this place of grace, it is no longer I, it is Christ in me. We operate out of God's resources! He gives us the work to do and the energy to do it. As we live in surrender, in humility, and "only by the grace of God" there is nothing that can stop us!

Ice Breaker:

Have you ever just really messed up? Talk about a time where you were shown grace (undeserved kindness) by somebody else and what your response was to that grace.

Discussion:

1. Do you ever wonder why Jesus didn't reveal himself to Paul before he persecuted Christians? Have you gone through a difficult season in your life that you can look back on now and see how that has shaped your character and brought you into a deeper understanding of God's grace?
2. God takes our ordinary and does the extraordinary. God used the fish and bread (exactly what the boy had to offer) in Matthew and did something extraordinary. Talk about what you feel God has gifted you with and how you are offering it the Lord for him to multiply the impact. Can you think bigger and how God is giving you the grace to use your gifts to make a global impact?
3. God gives grace in various forms. What are you currently going through right now where you need God's grace (His work, His energy) to help you make it through? (ex...parenting, marriage, sobriety, job)

Pray that we would start every day in a place of surrender completely reliant on God's grace. Pray that He would forgive us, make us clean, and give us His work to do and His energy to do it to make a global impact!