



# COMMUNITY GUIDE

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## WEEKLY APPLICATION

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**TAKEAWAY:** We need to better understand the fullness of the grace of God.

**HEAD CHANGE:** The grace of God is the opposite of, “you get what you deserve.”

**HEART CHANGE:** Grace is not about what I’ve done, but what Jesus has done for me.

**LIFE CHANGE:** By reminding myself of grace right after I sin, I will remember that I am not far from God.

## OVERVIEW

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### The Gift of the Father

We have a hard time receiving grace because we live in a, “you get what you deserve world.” We think if we are good, God will be good to us. Without realizing it, we begin to believe our performance dictates how God feels about us. However, if we could make ourselves right with God or obey Him enough to deserve His kindness, Jesus would have died for nothing. By taking our eyes off of ourselves and putting them onto Jesus, we will be free from shame, and will begin to understand the love of our Father.

*“My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”*

-Galatians 2:20 (NLT)-

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What stood out to you in this teaching? Why do you think that resonated with you?
2. Have you ever felt close or far from God based on your performance?
3. What lies have you believed because of shame?
4. Which of the four gifts from the father stood out to you the most?

## CLOSE IN PRAYER

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Father, thank you for your love. I do not deserve what You have given me through your son Jesus, but I receive your grace today. Remind me that there is no better place to be than in your love even right after I sin. Help me to remember your favor and your kindness so that I may live for You. Not to earn anything but because of what You have done for me. May I love your presence more than any gift You have given me. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**IN THIS TOGETHER!**