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life on another level

Student Workbook

YEAR 3

The Way of Jesus

Grace

Bible Readings

Matthew 18

Matthew 20

John 7

Romans 7



Learning Outcomes

At the end of this week you will be able to:

- Locate some instances in the Bible where grace is seen.
- Identify what Biblical grace is like.
- Explore how grace can be expressed in your life.

Notes from Bible Reading

Scripture A word or phrase that stood out to me:

Observation What is happening in this Bible reading?

Application Something that I learned about who I am or how I should live:

Prayer What I would like to say to God, ask of God, or what I think God is saying to me:

Key Question What difference can the way of grace make in our world and in your life?

Engage

Go around the group and share one thing for each heading that has happened since you last met:

- Plus – What has been good or enjoyable?
- Minus – What has been difficult or painful?
- Interesting – What has been unusual or thought provoking?

Search through the magazines provided and choose a picture that you think represents grace.

Discuss why you think this picture represents grace.

Explore – Locate

- *What stood out to you in the Bible readings this week?*
- *What did you find meaningful or significant?*
- *Is there anything that you didn't understand or found confusing?*
- *Any questions or comments you may have?*

Read together: Matthew 18:21-35

Grace has been understood as “unmerited favour”. Where someone lavishes another with riches or favourable treatment or forgiveness or blessing without the recipient having done anything to earn it. They are completely undeserving. Jesus went around treating people this way - pouring His favour upon them when they had done nothing to deserve it - it was “His way”.

Some Reflections on Grace

From Matthew 18

- grace sees greatness in the humble
- grace is concerned with the one who is lost
- grace seeks reconciliation
- grace forgives abundantly

From Matthew 20

- grace is free to be outrageously generous
- grace willingly sacrifices for the sake of others
- grace sees greatness in serving others
- grace shows compassion toward the unpopular

From John 7

- grace has no need to show off
- grace looks beyond first appearances
- grace leaves room for God's Spirit to work
- grace listens

From Romans 7

- grace serves freely, not from obligation alone
- grace brings rescue from sin

You may wish to explore the meaning of grace and what that might mean for you with your coach.

Explore – Express

Using the letters G.R.A.C.E. as first letters, think of five words that help describe grace.

Share your words with the rest of your group.

G _____
R _____
A _____
C _____
E _____

Explore – Integrate

- As you compare what the Bible says about grace with the common understanding of grace, what do you notice?
- How would you describe your own experience of grace?
- What difference can grace bring?
- How can you cultivate the way of grace this week in your own life?

Extend

Discuss with your group the challenges you are tackling. Use the time to ask for any help you might need.

Questions that may be helpful include:

- What challenges are you working on at the moment?
- Do you need any support or assistance?
- Are there any challenges that you have completed that we need to recognise and celebrate?
- Are there any new challenges that you want to work on?

Encourage

Tell another student in your group something you value or appreciate about them.

Share one thing you would like to pray for and pray for one another.

Think of a way you have experienced grace and share it with the group

Pray for one another, asking God to grow your understanding of His grace that you might be able to display His grace to others

Then close with Psalm 90:13-17