

WEEK 1 · NOVEMBER 14

# FULL of GRACE

RECEIVING GRACE

## INTRODUCTION

Pastor John brings us the first of a two-part series entitled *Full of Grace*. With Thanksgiving and Christmas upon us and while our world continues to operate in a mode of chaos and conflict, we pause this weekend for a timely reminder to both receive and offer grace.

## DISCUSSION

1. Pastor John shares "It's impossible to give His grace if you don't receive His grace." Is there an area of your life in which you need to receive His grace?
2. Pastor John also encourages us by stating "Receiving grace brings freedom." Can you share a past occasion when you experienced freedom after receiving grace?
3. The forgiven woman from the story in Luke 7:36-50 responded to Jesus out of the abundance of grace she'd received. Share how your actions and attitudes currently reflect the outpouring of grace you've received from God.
4. We read in 2 Corinthians 6:1, "As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain." Discuss the implications of this verse for us today, who, like the woman in Luke 7, have experienced God's grace.

## TAKE ACTION

1. Ponder the definition of grace: "Undeserved love and kindness from God." Spend time alone with God thanking Him for the undeserved love and kindness He has shown you. After considering how you have been shown grace from God, pray for someone whom you need to show grace to, especially in the upcoming season.
2. In 2 Peter 3:18, we're told to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." With your small group, a family member or friend, talk about what it means to grow in the grace of our Lord and ask the Lord to help you grow in the grace and knowledge of Him.
3. Listen to "This is Amazing Grace" by Phil Wickham or to "Holy Water" by We the Kingdom from your music streaming service. Let the words permeate your heart and mind.

## RESOURCES

Ruth Chou Simons' *When Strivings Cease: Replacing the Gospel of Self-Improvement with the Gospel of Life-Transforming Grace* books and products at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [christianbook.com](https://www.christianbook.com)

*Grace is Greater: God's Plan to Overcome your Past, Redeem your Pain, and Rewrite your Story* by Kyle Idleman, available in various formats at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [christianbook.com](https://www.christianbook.com)

*The Grace and Truth Paradox* by Randy Alcorn at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [christianbook.com](https://www.christianbook.com)