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Focus There is no way that we can work our way to heaven. It is only God's grace that sends us there. Grace directly frees us from the bondage of sin, enabling us to walk with Christ in new life. Grace is the unmerited, unearned, and unlimited favor of God.

Fun Which season of the year is your favorite and why?

Review Key Scriptures: Ephesians 2:8–9; Romans 11:6; John 1:16 (NASB)

1. Unmerited.

Nothing we do makes us deserving of God's grace. Yet He freely gives it to us.

2. Unearned.

Nothing we do can earn us God's grace. Otherwise, it would be by our efforts, and we cannot work our way to heaven.

3. Unlimited.

Nothing we do can limit God's grace. God is infinite; His grace is unlimited. It will never run out!

Group Dynamics Idea For further study on grace, read the following verses: *Romans 1:5; Romans 16:24; 1 Corinthians 1:3; 1 Corinthians 16:23; 2 Corinthians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Galatians 1:3; Galatians 6:18; Ephesians 1:2; Ephesians 6:24; Philippians 1:2; Philippians 4:23; Colossians 1:2; Colossians 4:18; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:28; 2 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Thessalonians 3:18; 1 Timothy 1:2; 1 Timothy 6:21; 2 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 4:22; Titus 1:4; Titus 3:15; Philemon 1:3; Philemon 1:25.*

Discuss

1. What is grace? Why is grace not based on works? Read Ephesians 2:8–9.
2. Romans 11:6 explains the difference between grace and works. How does this relate to salvation?
3. *Charis* is the Greek word for grace. The cultural Greek meaning implies there are three parties involved: the patron who provides it, the client who receives it, and the broker who pays for it. Spiritually, who does the broker represent? How does this apply to us?
4. John 1:16 (NASB) reads, “For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.” Is there a limit to how many times God forgives us? What does the phrase “grace upon grace” mean to you?
5. Picture yourself in a chair from which you must be carried, pulled, or lifted to get anywhere. Now picture God as the carrier, the puller, and the lifter. How does this scenario work in your life?
6. If you want to receive Jesus as Savior and Lord, take a moment to go before Him and pray, “Jesus, come into my life and forgive me for my sins. I believe You are the Son of God, You are risen from the dead, and You are alive today. Thank You for new life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- We cannot work our way to heaven.
- God freely gives us His grace.
- There is no limit to God’s grace.

Prayer Jesus, thank You for grace upon grace. Help me to never take the gift of grace for granted. I love You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Share some of the responsibilities of leading your group with other members of the group. When people participate, they are investing in the success of the

group. Ask for volunteers to greet members, open the gathering with prayer, keep track of prayer requests, bring dessert, etc.