

**Title:** Together for Good—Living Under Grace // **Scripture:** Romans 6

**ARRIVAL / SOCIAL TIME** *15-20 minutes*

Spend the first 15 minutes or so of your time together catching up and socializing with one another. Also find time to catch up together on how the assignments from last week turned out.

**SERMON REVIEW** *5-10 minutes*

Grace. It's not just the name of our church. It's the uniquely Christian concept by which God relates to us, and through which we should relate to each other. It has the power to change all of life around us, and yet it is an idea that seems totally foreign to the world around us. This week we continue our series, "Together for Good," by diving into Romans 6 to discover how the unique reality of grace not only saves us from death, but also "gifts" us into an entirely different kind of life—one where we live as forgiven (not broken), free (not enslaved), and victors (not victims).

**THE MAIN THOUGHT** *keep this in mind as you facilitate discussion*

Grace is not an excuse to live any way we want. Instead, it is a gift God gives, to lead us into the life He has already dreamed of and prepared for us.

**SEE IT – Questions** *10-15 minutes*

**Picture** (What is the story saying?): Why does Paul call the believers back to look at the gospel, in response to the mess they're in? What are three gifts that God gives?

**Mirror** (Where am I in the story?): We all make mistakes and have blind spots. What is God's response to these things that keep us in bondage? What does it look like to take grace seriously and live it out in my everyday life? Of the three gifts that God gives, which one do I need to press into right now? Where in my life do I need to hear the too-good-to-be-true news of grace?

**Window** (How does the story change how I see those around me?): We live in a broken world. How does what Christ did to redeem us impact that? What does that mean for the way I view the people around me?

**BE IT – Practice**

**Change UP – Exercise** *15 minutes*

Let's meditate on God's grace, freely given: forgiveness (living BY grace), freedom (living IN grace) and victory (living FROM grace). Ask God to speak to you about which one of these aspects you need to step into right now.

**Change IN – Group Activity** *5 minutes*

If you have a whiteboard, take turns writing a word that reflects a lie that you're going to stop believing about yourself. Then take a whiteboard marker, color over the permanent lines of that word, then erase all of it with an eraser. Now take turns writing the word of truth that replaces the lie you're rejecting. Pray together, committing to step into the victory that grace affords you.

**Change OUT – Life Application Assignment** *5 minutes*

Think of one person, outside of your group, that you will share this too-good-to-be-true grace with this week.

**CLOSING PRAYER** *5 minutes* May you see God clearly, hear His calling clearly, and may He help you fulfill that calling in faithfulness, trusting no matter how bleak things may appear, we trust the God who raises the dead.