

# Living in God's Grace

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Leader's Guide

A companion to the 6-Part Study Guide

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## How to Use This Leader's Guide

This guide is designed to help study leaders facilitate group sessions based on the \*Living in God's Grace\* 6-part study. Each section includes session goals, suggested discussion prompts, leader tips, and optional follow-up activities to encourage deeper reflection. The aim is to create a welcoming, honest, and spiritually nourishing environment where grace is both understood and lived.

## Part 1: The Lord Helps the Helpless

### Session Goals

- Deepen understanding of grace through Scripture and discussion.
- Foster vulnerability and reflection among group members.
- Encourage practical application of grace in daily life.

### Leader Tips

- • Emphasize that God's grace is not a reward for self-effort, but help for those who admit their need.
- • Encourage openness by sharing personal experiences of weakness or helplessness.
- • Be mindful of participants who may carry shame—remind them of Psalm 34:18 and God's nearness.
- • Suggested activity: Invite members to write down one area where they need to stop striving and rest in God's help.

## Part 2: Grace is Unmerited Favor

### Session Goals

- Deepen understanding of grace through Scripture and discussion.
- Foster vulnerability and reflection among group members.
- Encourage practical application of grace in daily life.

### Leader Tips

- • Clarify that grace is not earned—use real-life examples of receiving something undeserved.
- • Discuss how trying to earn God's favor can lead to exhaustion or pride.
- • Emphasize that obedience is a response to grace, not a condition of it.
- • Suggested activity: Share testimonies of how grace has changed your understanding of God.

## Part 3: The Prodigal Son — A Story of Redemption

### Session Goals

- Deepen understanding of grace through Scripture and discussion.
- Foster vulnerability and reflection among group members.
- Encourage practical application of grace in daily life.

### Leader Tips

- • Let the group reflect on which character they relate to most—the younger son, the father, or the elder brother.
- • Explore what true repentance looks like and how grace meets us even in failure.
- • Highlight the father's compassion and how it reflects God's heart.
- • Suggested activity: Invite participants to write a letter from the father to the prodigal son—what might God say to them today?

## Part 4: Grace in the Old Testament

### Session Goals

- Deepen understanding of grace through Scripture and discussion.
- Foster vulnerability and reflection among group members.
- Encourage practical application of grace in daily life.

### Leader Tips

- • Help participants recognize that grace is not a New Testament concept—point to David, Noah, and others.
- • Discuss why seeing grace in the Old Testament deepens our trust in God's unchanging nature.
- • Suggested activity: Choose one Old Testament story and reflect on how grace shaped the outcome.

## Part 5: Grace and Works — Finding the Balance

### Session Goals

- Deepen understanding of grace through Scripture and discussion.
- Foster vulnerability and reflection among group members.
- Encourage practical application of grace in daily life.

### Leader Tips

- • Clarify the difference between salvation by grace and fruit produced by grace.
- • Address common tensions between legalism and license.
- • Encourage participants to share how they've struggled to find this balance.
- • Suggested activity: Brainstorm ways to serve others out of gratitude—not guilt.

## Part 6: Living in the Freedom of Grace

### Session Goals

- Deepen understanding of grace through Scripture and discussion.
- Foster vulnerability and reflection among group members.
- Encourage practical application of grace in daily life.

### Leader Tips

- • Invite reflection on how grace frees us from shame, fear, and performance.
- • Discuss what it looks like to rest in God's love and to extend grace to others.
- • Suggested activity: Close in prayer as a group, thanking God for His sustaining grace and praying over each other's journeys.