



Group Discussion Questions

FAQ Series - If I use grace won't I just get run over??
September 7 & 10, 2017

Was there ever a time when you could have been punished, or you could have punished one of your children but were let off the hook?

Read aloud: Ephesians 2

#1. Verses 1-3, Paul says we conducted our lives (walked) according to 3 powers; the world, the devil, and the flesh. How does the non-Christian world, the devil and my flesh (sinful mind) impact the way I live (walk)? What's one attitude I need to work on that fosters disunity, dislike, dissension, irresponsibility, fear, or poor values?

#2. Verses 4-7, Paul says that the riches of his grace are shown through: making us alive (to God), raising us up, and seating us in the heavenly realm. How can the riches of God's grace (alive, raised, seated) impact the way I conduct my life (walk)? What difference has God made in the way I act? Talk? Live? Parent? Relate in Marriage?

#3. Verse 8-9, Paul says the instrument of salvation is faith. I can't achieve salvation through works or I could boast about my achievement. Why is faith so important to God? Read Hebrews 11:6, how does faith please God?

Read through the rest of Hebrews 11 and find out how Old Testament people pleased God with their faith.

#4. Verse 10, Paul says we are God's handiwork/workmanship created to follow through on His plan for our lives. If I do not earn salvation through my good works why are works important to God? Why does Paul use the word "good" why not just say works? What does it mean to be a good employee? Spouse? Parent? Neighbor? Member of GateWay?

Family Time: Tell your kids you're going to have a night of grace! With their help pick one night and have a game night. Go to the grocery store and give each child \$5.00 and let them pick whatever they want. Go home and play games and pig out!