



Saving Sinners

April 16 & 19, 2026

Ice Breaker

What's one simple thing you do regularly to show gratitude to someone important in your life (like buying flowers, sending a text, or making their favorite meal)?

Key Verses

- 1 Timothy 1:12-20
- John 3:16-17
- John 6:40
- John 11:27
- 2 Timothy 2:1
- Ephesians 3:8
- Ephesians 2:4-9
- 1 Corinthians 5:5

Questions

1. Paul describes himself as the foremost sinner even after becoming a Christian. Why do you think he continues to use present tense ('I am') rather than past tense ('I was')?
2. How does understanding that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners change the way we should view ourselves and others?
3. Paul talks about being grateful for the opportunities Christ has given him to serve. What opportunities has Christ given you that you're most thankful for?
4. What does it mean to live in God's 'overflowing grace' daily? How can we practically experience this?
5. Why do you think Paul emphasizes that Christianity is about believing upon Jesus rather than believing in our own goodness or works?

6. How can gratitude for God's grace make us more effective in sharing the gospel with others?
7. How does Paul's example of humility (calling himself the worst sinner and least of saints) challenge the way we typically talk about ourselves?

Life Application

This week, practice daily gratitude for God's grace by starting each morning acknowledging one specific way Christ has shown you mercy or given you an opportunity to serve Him. Share this gratitude with at least one other person during the week and look for an opportunity to humbly share with someone how Christ came to save sinners like yourself.

Key Takeaways

1. The core message of Christianity is that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, and we respond by believing in Him for eternal life
2. Effective churches are built on Christians who are grateful for God's overflowing grace and faithful with the opportunities He gives them
3. True humility means recognizing we are all sinners in need of grace, which strengthens rather than weakens our faith
4. Living in daily gratitude for God's grace makes us more effective in service and evangelism
5. False teaching must be confronted because it compromises the life-changing message of God's grace

Ending Prayer

Father God, thank You for the incredible privilege of being part of Your people and experiencing Your overflowing grace. Help us to never take for granted the truth that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners like us. May we live each day with grateful hearts, humble spirits, and faithful service. Strengthen us to hold fast to the true gospel message and to share Your grace with others. As we go from here, may our lives reflect the joy and gratitude that comes from knowing we are loved and saved by Jesus. In His precious name we pray, Amen.