



## **Gratitude | The Parts of Us That Struggle to Receive Grace**

*Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 7:36-50 NIV*

### **OPEN IN PRAYER**

#### **ICEBREAKER QUESTION**

What's the oddest thing you've ever received?

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

*9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:3-14 NIV*

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. What are some ways our spiritual “perception” can become dull?
2. Have you ever had a time when you realized God had been working all around you but you didn’t see it until later? Or wanting to work but waiting for your surrender?
3. Which of these do you relate to most right now: numbness, shame, or self-deprecation?
4. How do you think each of these blocks our ability to experience gratitude?
5. What’s one area of your life that feels hard to receive God’s grace in?
6. What would it look like this week for gratitude to “spill over” from your life out of a response to God’s grace?

### **CLOSE IN PRAYER**

*As a group, take time to pray with one another.*