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SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY DISCUSSION GUIDE

WELCOME

What special gift have you received recently?

WORSHIP

Listen to "Trust in God / Blessed Assurance" | Genavieve Linkowski & Caleb & Kelsey | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8DZoMjphAs>

WORD

Message Title: "Grace Through Faith" | Luke: Good News for Broken People (Part 19) | Pastor Bryan James, 10/18/26

Scriptures: Ephesians 2:8-10; Luke 7:1-17

1. What part of the message or Scriptures stood out to you this week? Why?
2. **Read Ephesians 2:8-10.** Complete this sentence: We receive the _____ of God by _____ in God's _____.
3. What is the promised outcome of placing our faith (in God's Word), initially and continually? Reference. Eph. 2:10.
4. Describe a "Christian" by name and a disciple. What does a disciple do?
5. **Read Luke 7:1-10, The Faith of the Centurion.** How did the Centurion receive the grace of God in this situation?
 - Consider the Centurion's faith and background. List out specifically what he was choosing to believe by faith about God. Why was his understanding of authority key?
6. **Read vv. 11-17, Jesus Raises a Widow's Son.** What is Jesus response in this scene of 'death'? What does this tell us about his power, passion and mission?
 - How should Jesus' power over death affect the way we live our lives?
7. **Application & Reflection Questions: Read John 10:27 and James 1:5-8.** Consider these passages and the two stories of faith in Luke 7 in light of your current circumstances or troubles:
 - Has God spoken to you recently? Have you, or how can you, respond to impress Jesus? (Lk 7:9)
 - Do you struggle to hear his voice at times? As disciples, what actions can we take (or quit) to posture ourselves to hear him clearly? Consider also what hinders us from hearing his voice.
8. **Describe a time when you let go and let God accomplish his purposes. What was the outcome?** (Let us tell stories of God's goodness and examples of Ephesians 2:10!)

WITNESS

How can your resolute faith in God in difficult circumstances bear witness to others?

CLOSING PRAYER & INTERCESSION

Share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Allow space to wait and listen for God to speak, as you pray.