

ONE
"Pour It On"
Small Group Questions, 2/8

*[Leaders, please leave at least 5-10 minutes at the end of your small group time for questions #9 and #10. This is a good time for students to put their faith into practice.]

1. Grace is a word we use a lot at church, but what does it mean? How would you define grace?
2. Share of a time when you received something you totally didn't deserve, or a time when you gave grace to someone else.
3. Why is it difficult to pour on grace when we've been wronged?
4. Do you think it's ever difficult for God to pour out grace on us? Why do you think God chooses to "pour" instead of "spritz"?
5. Think about those you choose to love — maybe parents, siblings, best friends. And now think about random people in your life — maybe teachers, other drivers, your boss. Who is it easier to offer grace to when they make mistakes? Why?
6. Read Matthew 18:21-35. In this story, we see examples of mercy ("not receiving what we do deserve", i.e. debt, punishment, etc.). How does God show mercy in our lives? [Leaders: Guide students to understand that we deserve death, but we have been reprieved through Christ's death]
7. God goes a step beyond mercy, and also extends grace ("an abundance of what we do not deserve") by giving us eternal life! What would possess God to do such a thing? Why does he abound in "amazing grace"?
8. As we strive to become "One" with God, we are called to extend grace and mercy to others as God does toward us. In what ways do we often tend to hoard God's grace/mercy as our own?
9. If giving grace doesn't come naturally, how can we become more practiced in offering it?
10. How can you pour God's grace on other people this week? Think of specific situations or people.