

Grace Upon Grace

Part 1 • Life Group Lesson

Grace Upon Grace is a look into the eternal life and purpose that we don't deserve but have found as a free gift in Jesus. This week, Pastor Ryan introduced to us the topic of grace with this verse...

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

2 Corinthians 12:9

Starter:

Life is full of strengths and weaknesses. What are some strengths and weaknesses in your life? Would your spouse and/or friends agree or disagree?

Discuss:

#1 - We learn from 2 Corinthians 9 that God's power is made perfect in our weaknesses. How does that affect you? How have you seen this promise alive in your life?

#2 - The word *sufficient* means "adequate for its purpose." Pastor Ryan shared that his grandmother had a lasting impact on his life. He said...

"My grandmother was filled with God's grace and it produced a result in me that can never be separated from who she is."

How has God used someone special in your life to display his grace towards you?

#3 - Pastor Ryan shared 4 keys to unlocking God's grace for your life.

- Submission is greater than ambition. See James 4:10
- Expectation works best with preparation. See 1 Peter 3:15
- Learn to love small beginnings. See John 6:9-12
- Your gain is in your again. See 1 Samuel 17:36-37

Which of these steps do you feel the Holy Spirit is leading you to focus on in this season?

#4 - Is there someone close to you (a co-worker, family member, friend or neighbor) that you believe needs a better understanding of God's grace? How can you be an encouragement to them right now?

Prayer:

Prayer is our first response, not our last resort. Before you end your time together, take a few moments to pray together about the most important things happening in your lives.