



Sermon Discussion Guide for I AM Worship Church

## The Other Side of Grace

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We hope this material will continue to minister as the sermon was preached during our weekly worship service. When we receive God's Word at church, we need not only to hear the message, but we ought to walk it out in our daily lives. We should "be doers of the word, not only hearers." (James 1:22)

Step 1: GET TOGETHER with your family or group.

Step 2: REVIEW the key points and scriptures from the message.

Step 3: SHARE with your group what God is saying to you through the message.

Step 4: PRAY together, for each other and over each other to continue to walk this word out.

### The Big Idea

Grace is more than a pardon; it's a power. John reminds us that God's lavish love makes us His children (1 John 3:1), but that same grace also shapes our lives into Christ's image. Grace is not an excuse to remain the same but an invitation to transformation. It rescues us, confronts us, examines us, and reminds us who we really are — God's children — and calls us to live like it.

### Don't Miss This Point!

**Read 1 John 3:1-10. Grace saves you but also shapes you.** John writes, "Everyone who sins is breaking God's law ... And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins." Grace is not a loophole to keep sinning; it's a lifeline to freedom. Paul echoes this in Romans 6:1-2, urging believers not to continue in sin but to live in the power of Christ's grace. True grace forgives our past but also frees us from sin's power in the present.

### Another Great Point!

**Read Psalm 1:1-2. Grace confronts compromise.** Grace comforts, but it also confronts patterns of sin that no longer bother us. The Word cautions us against the slow drift into compromise — first walking with sin, then standing near it, then sitting in it. Grace calls us out of comfortable rebellion and back into right living.

### One Last Point!

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. Grace reminds you who you are.** Grace always begins with who you are, not what you've done. When you remember you're a child of God, you stop living like a slave to sin. Paul declares you are a new creation; grace doesn't call you by your failure but by your future, shaping you to look like Jesus until He appears.

### Let's Be Doers!

This week, ask yourself: Has grace been an excuse for me, or has it been my empowerment? Take time to pray Psalm 139:23-24, "Search me, God, and know my heart." Examine yourself honestly in God's presence, not to be shamed but to be shaped. Confess what He reveals, and thank Him for His love and correction. Choose one area where you've been compromising and take a step toward change — make the call, forgive, or seek help. Finally, remind yourself daily: "I am God's child. His grace saves me, shapes me, and sustains me."