

This guide is an invitation to follow Jesus with greater purpose and hope. It will help you to explore the scriptures and challenge you to live out your faith. Each week we'd love for you to think about how you relate: **Up** (with God), **In** (with church) and **Out** (with neighbors).



### Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
- How are you living up with God?
- How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
- How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

### Romans: Grace Is Greater Romans 3-4

**Read Romans 3 & 4.** What sticks out to you? What do you learn about God? What did you like about this story? Did you find anything hard to understand or problematic?

**What, So What, Now What?** Jews and Gentiles alike are under the power of sin. No human effort or reliance on religious tradition can earn righteousness before God.

- In what areas are you relying on your own effort, performance, or control rather than trusting God's faithfulness?
- Where do national, cultural, or religious identities create division within the body of Christ? How can our community model a faith that welcomes everyone on equal ground at the foot of the cross? How does prioritizing Jesus as Lord reshape how you engage as a citizen in your workplace and neighborhood?
- How can you share the good news of God's grace with someone who feels stuck, judged, or far from God?
- **National Identity & Faith:** How do we distinguish between our national identity and our identity as followers of Jesus when cultural values conflict with the way of Christ?
- **The Danger of Idols** What subtle idols (power, politics, self-sufficiency) hinder you from fully trusting God's promises?
- **Hope Against Hope:** Where in your life are you facing a situation that feels dead or hopeless, and how does Abraham's story encourage you to trust God's power?

### Weekly Practice:

**Examine Your Idols:** Identify one area where you tend to organize your time, money, or decisions around cultural security rather than Jesus, and surrender it to God.

**Practice Active Responsibility:** Choose one practical way to show good to a neighbor or co-worker this week as a response to God's grace, not to earn approval.

**Anchor in God's Promises:** When feelings of anxiety or self-reliance arise, meditate on Romans 3:23–24 and Romans 4:20–21, reminding yourself that God is faithful to do what He promised.