

THE JOURNEY

It isn't an accident that Faith Church exists in Fort Collins. We are at the core of God's strategy for providing this community a tangible witness of Jesus' power, presence and love.

As such, we are marked. God has put his Spirit in us so that Christ might be seen through us. God's ultimate plan in marking us is that more people might encounter Jesus through us and be welcomed into his family, the church.

When it comes to living out the marks of a Christian, we are on a journey. We do not grow up to maturity in Jesus overnight. As a matter of fact, growing up to maturity in Jesus is a slow and sometimes circuitous process. At times, it can feel a bit like watching paint dry. As I think about becoming all we are called to be, the phrase *painfully slow* comes to mind.

In our hurried and somewhat frantic culture, the slow journey of Christian maturity can be a challenge to embrace. All too often, we can become impatient with where we are, not to mention where other people happen to be in the journey.

Additionally, we live in a culture that is oversaturated with messages. Digital marketing experts estimate that most Americans are exposed to around 4,000 advertisements each day. So around 4,000 times a day we are invited into some kind of a journey. All this noise can quickly crowd out Jesus' invitation to journey with him to spiritual maturity. The end result is that some of us don't even know we are on a spiritual journey. We think the journey of our life is to a better job or a nicer house or a

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better-looking body. When this happens, we miss joy and our community misses seeing Jesus through us.

This next series at Faith is a conversation on the journey we take to maturity in Jesus. This series is by no means an exhaustive look at that journey, but it will serve to unite our church as we pursue the good future that God has planned. By the end of this series, the expectation isn't that we will have reached the journey's end, but rather, that together we will have taken another step forward.

As we go through this series, keep one thing at the forefront of your mind: Jesus invites us to journey with him today because he has great things planned for us tomorrow.

Every blessing,
Pastor Charlie for the Preaching Team



Faith Family,

In addition to enjoying this Sermon Study Guide, we invite you to commit to praying specifically for Faith every day for the next 40 days. As we embark on The Journey Project, we are asking the Lord to center our hearts and minds on him. In addition, we pray that the Lord would find us faithful to expand his Kingdom through us and our various ministries.

Will you commit to join us as we pray for God's movement in our church and in our community? Each week, you will find prompts to guide you as you spend time with Jesus, worship with your Faith family and study the Bible with your small group. We hope this journey will deepen your delight in our good and gracious God and have tremendous impact in our city!

Brandon Redwine for the Journey Project Prayer Team

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SMALL GROUPS AT FAITH

WHAT IS A SMALL GROUP?

Small groups are small gatherings of people from Faith that meet regularly for friendship, prayer and Bible study.

Each small group is unique because it is shaped by the people who attend. However, at the heart of each small group is a desire to see a tight-knit community form that is marked by a growing love for Jesus and for the other people in the small group.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

We are made for friendship with God and others. When we are not known and loved by others, we suffer because we are not experiencing all that God created us to experience. Additionally, life is too difficult to journey alone. Therefore, small groups are a place where we can connect in friendship with other people through the ups and downs of life.

HOW DO I GET CONNECTED TO A SMALL GROUP?

The easiest way to get connected to a small group is to go to www.faithchurchfortcollins.org/smallgroups. You can also sign up on Sunday by filling out a Connect card. Finally, if you would like to join a small group, you can call the church at **970-226-2095**.

INTRODUCTION TO SMALL GROUP RESOURCES

No one is born into this world with a theology. So each generation must rediscover the truths of Scripture for itself.

Preaching the Bible is one of the primary tools God has given the church for this to take place.

Small groups are a place where the preaching at Faith is applied and where our church is encouraged to live out God's Word. Members of Faith's small groups take time each week to discuss the previous Sunday's sermon, share specific insights from the Bible and care for one another so that, as a church, we grow up to maturity in Jesus.

This study guide has been put together to give you an overview of our current sermon series so that you know where we are going and can be prepared for great discussions in your small group.

Here is an overview of what you will find for each week in this study guide:

Main Passage – This is the passage the teaching pastor will preach from.

Secondary Passages – These passages help to unpack and explain the main passage.

Passage for Memorization and Meditation – This is one passage to memorize and meditate on throughout the week so that at all times you are giving Jesus an opportunity to work in your life.

Overview – This is an overview of what will be discussed in small group this week.

Opening Question – This is a general question meant to spark conversation.

Discussion Questions – These are questions related to the Bible passages.

Application Section – These are questions and ideas for applying the Bible to your life.

Table Time With Kids – These are questions and ideas for families with young kids.

These materials are not meant to be a rigid formula for your small group, but rather a means for intentional study, discussion and life application so that ultimately, as a church, we grow together to maturity in Jesus.

We hope you find this helpful.

Title: The Journey of Becoming

Main Passage: Matthew 16:13-23

Supplementary Passages: Matthew 5:13-16, 2 Corinthians 3:18

Passage for Memorization and Meditation:

**BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A
HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN POSSESSION, THAT
YOU MAY PROCLAIM THE EXCELLENCIES OF HIM WHO CALLED
YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT.**

-1 PETER 2:9

Overview: In Matthew 16:13-20, Jesus marks Peter. He calls him a rock, signifying that Peter is solid, strong and stable. But at this point in Peter's life, he isn't any of those things. He is impatient, impetuous and unreliable. Yet, as Peter continues to journey with Jesus, Jesus' words about Peter become more of a reality.

This passage teaches us that God often gives people names that do not seem to fit. Then over time, God grows them into those names. Our job isn't to get flustered with where we are or to try to force growth through our own effort. Our job is to believe that Jesus has marked us and then to journey with Jesus, believing his true words about us will become our present reality.

OPENING QUESTION

- Talk about a journey you have taken. How did that journey change you?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read Matthew 16:13-23. What stands out to you from these verses?
- What does this passage reveal about Jesus?
- What does this passage reveal about Peter?
- How do you think Peter felt after Jesus called him a rock?
- How do you think Peter felt after Jesus called him Satan?
- What do Peter's successes and failures reveal about being on a journey with Jesus?
- Read Matthew 5:13-16 and 1 Peter 2:9. How does Jesus describe the church? What does Jesus' description signify?
- Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. How do we grow to become more like Jesus?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- How do you feel about the reality that Jesus marks you?
- Jesus called Peter a rock to signify that his future would be one of strength and stability. What name do you think Jesus would give to you to describe your future?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS CONT.

- How have you been living out the reality that Jesus says you are salt and light?
- What do you think it means to behold Jesus? What helps you behold Jesus?
- *Close small group by praying that people at Faith would go on the journey of becoming like Jesus by beholding Jesus.*

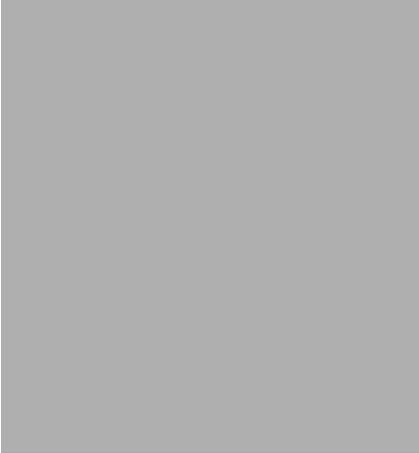
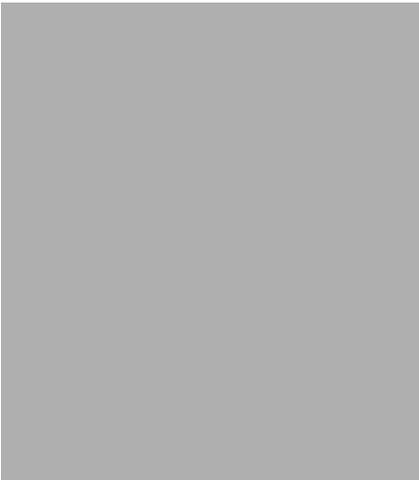


TABLE TIME WITH KIDS



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was the sermon from Sunday about? What questions do you have from it?
- As a family, read aloud Matthew 16:13-20. What stands out to you from these verses?
- What did Jesus do in this passage? *He called Peter a rock.*
- What does being a rock signify? *It signifies being strong, solid and dependable.*
- Was Peter always strong, solid or dependable? *No. Sometimes Peter got scared and ran away.*
- What helped Peter become more like a rock? *Peter kept following Jesus and over time Jesus changed him.*

Title: A Journey Marked by Faith

Main Passage: Genesis 12:1-20

Supplementary Passage: Galatians 3:6-9

Passage for Memorization and Meditation:

AND WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM, FOR WHOEVER WOULD DRAW NEAR TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE EXISTS AND THAT HE REWARDS THOSE WHO SEEK HIM.

- HEBREWS 11:6

Overview: In Genesis 12 God marks Abraham¹ by calling him to a journey of faith. We do not know much about Abraham before God called him. All we know is that he was a descendant of Noah's son Shem, he was born in Ur, he settled in Haran and he married a woman named Sarah who was not able to have children. All of this is to say, Abraham didn't have an extraordinary life before God called him to live by faith.

Yet, in an act of grace, God spoke to Abraham and commanded him to journey to a new land. God then promised Abraham that if he went on this journey, God would bless him. Abraham would become the father of a great nation. This promise must have seemed impossible to Abraham because his wife was unable to have children. Furthermore, God promised that he would bless all the families of the earth through Abraham's offspring. In this last promise, God graciously revealed to Abraham the coming of Jesus, who eventually came from Abraham's family line.²

In a stunning act of faith, Abraham believed the impossible promises of God. He packed up his bags and left everything that was familiar. By doing this, Abraham set a pattern of faith for us to follow. To be sure, Abraham's faith in God wasn't perfect. There were times when he got scared and placed his trust in his own understanding, but the central theme of his story is one of faith in the impossible promises of God.

¹ In Genesis 17 God changes Abram's name to Abraham, so we'll refer to him as Abraham. God also changes Sarai's name to Sarah, so we'll refer to her as Sarah.

² Galatians 3:6-8

OPENING QUESTION

- Share an adventure that you recently experienced. Were there any unknowns before you began?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read Genesis 12:1-20. What stands out to you from these verses?
- What did God ask Abraham to do in this passage?
- What promises did God make to Abraham?
- How did Abraham evidence faith in God, and what does his example teach you about faith?
- How did Abraham lack faith and what were the results? What does this teach you about faith?
- It is interesting to notice the number of times that God says *bless* or *blessing* in this passage. What does it mean to be blessed by God, and how do we receive that blessing?
- In what ways is Jesus the perfect fulfillment of Abraham's faith?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever had a moment of faith like Abraham? If so, share it.
- Have you ever had a moment where you lacked faith? What were the results?
- Abraham's story reveals that our journey of faith impacts future generations. How do you think your present life of faith will impact the future?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS CONT.

- What keeps you from living a life of faith?
- What risks do you associate with living a life of faith?
- God made promises to Abraham and then asked him to take a journey of faith. What promise is God making to you in this season of your life? What journey of faith is God inviting you to take?
- As you think about the Journey Project, what steps of faith might God be inviting you to take? Placing your faith in Jesus? Getting baptized? Finding a place to serve? Beginning to give or increasing your giving? Sharing the gospel with a friend?
- *Close small group by praying that people at Faith would say yes to living a life of faith.*

TABLE TIME WITH KIDS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was the sermon from Sunday about? What questions do you have from it?
- As a family, read aloud Genesis 12:1-9. What stands out to you from these verses?
- What promise did God make to Abraham? *God promised to bless Abraham.*
- What did God ask Abraham to do? *God asked Abraham to follow him to a new place.*
- How did Abraham respond God? *Abraham followed God.*
- What does it mean to live a life of faith? *Living a life of faith means following God even when we don't know how everything is going to turn out.*
- In what ways is Jesus the perfect fulfillment of Abraham's faith? *God the Father asked Jesus to journey from the comforts of heaven to live on this earth, and Jesus made that journey perfectly trusting the promises of God.*

Title: A Journey Marked by Vision and Courage

Main Passage: Numbers 13:1-14:38

Supplementary Passage: Mark 14:32-50

Passage for Memorization and Meditation:

BUT MY SERVANT CALEB, BECAUSE HE HAS A DIFFERENT SPIRIT AND HAS FOLLOWED ME FULLY, I WILL BRING INTO THE LAND INTO WHICH HE WENT, AND HIS DESCENDANTS SHALL POSSESS IT.

- NUMBERS 14:24

Overview: There are moments for God's people when they must look into the future to see what God has in store and then courageously believe that God will bring them into that good future. Numbers 13 is one of those moments in the Bible.

In Numbers 13, God's people sent spies into the land of Canaan to scope things out and discover what was waiting for them. The report the spies brought back was full of vision and hope. There was much future blessing in the place that God had promised. But there were also obstacles to overcome, and these obstacles would require great courage to face.

Sadly, in Numbers 14, God's people lacked the courage to claim the good vision God had placed in front of them. They said *no* to a journey marked by vision and courage. The end result was that they didn't get to see God's good vision become their present reality. Instead, they got to wander in the wilderness for 40 years.

That's a bit depressing. Yet there is also a glimmer of hope. In this passage, Caleb and Joshua courageously called God's people to believe God's promises. The two men told them they could overcome every obstacle that they faced, not because the obstacles were small but because their God was great. And do you know what Caleb and Joshua received for having vision and courage? They got to see and enjoy God's promises.

Caleb and Joshua help us to see that a journey marked by courage is not a journey without fear. Courageous people feel fear, but they overcome their fear so that it does not stop them from moving into God's good future. And how do we overcome fear? We focus on the greatness of our God.

OPENING QUESTION

- Who is a person in your life who has demonstrated great vision and courage?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read Numbers 13:1-14:38. What stands out to you from these verses?
- How did the spies describe the land of Canaan?
- Where in this passage do you see evidence that God has a good future for his people?
- Where in this passage do you see evidence that the people lacked courage to go on the journey God had in store?
- In Numbers 14:24 God says that Caleb had a different spirit. How would you describe Caleb's spirit?
- What do you learn from Caleb and Joshua about journeying with God?
- In Numbers 13- 14 we see that future generations miss out on the promises of God because one generation lacked courage. What does this principle teach you?
- In what ways is Jesus the perfect fulfillment of Joshua and Caleb's vision and courage?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- What things do you fear?
- What obstacles stand in the way of your fully enjoying God's good plans for the future?
- In what ways have you been like Caleb and Joshua and in what ways have you been like the fearful spies?
- What helps you to say yes to the journey God is calling you to?
- Is there something God is calling you to that you have said *no* to because you are afraid?
- As you think about the Journey Project, what things about Faith's future excite you?
- As you think about the Journey Project, what things could keep you from living with vision and courage?
- *Close small group by praying that people at Faith would be marked by vision and courage.*

TABLE TIME WITH KIDS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was the sermon from Sunday about? What questions do you have from it?
- As a family, read aloud Numbers 13. What stands out to you from these verses?
- Is following God into the future sometimes scary? *Yes. Sometimes we have to face things that overwhelm us.*
- What should we do when we're afraid? *We should remember that God promises to be with us.*
- Is it ever a good idea to not follow God because we are afraid? *No, because not following God means that we miss out on his promises to us.*
- In what ways is Jesus the perfect fulfillment of Joshua and Caleb's vision and courage? *God the Father promised to bless Jesus if he laid down his life for sinners. Jesus saw the Father's vision for the future and courageously embraced the Father's plan for salvation.*

Title: A Journey Marked by Sacrificial Generosity

Main Passage: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Supplementary Passages: 2 Corinthians 9:6 -11, John 3:16-17

Passage for Memorization and Meditation:

AND GOD IS ABLE TO MAKE ALL GRACE ABOUND TO YOU, SO THAT HAVING ALL SUFFICIENCY IN ALL THINGS AT ALL TIMES, YOU MAY ABOUND IN EVERY GOOD WORK.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

Overview: In 1 Kings 17:8 - 16, God invites a widow into a journey marked by sacrificial generosity. He asks her to willingly give the little that she had to provide a meal for the prophet Elijah. At first the widow was hesitant to follow God on this journey. She feared that if she gave the little she had left, there wouldn't be enough food for her family. And yet, despite her fear, the widow followed God. She gave what she had, and God performed a miracle. He made sure she had everything she needed to thrive.

This passage teaches us that God's people are invited into a journey marked by sacrificial generosity. In other words, we get to be people who give joyfully because we know that our God is able to provide everything that we need.

OPENING QUESTION

- Talk about someone in the past year who has been generous to you. How did their generosity bless you?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read 1 Kings 17:8-16. What stands out to you from these verses?
- What does this passage reveal about God?
- Why do you think God asked the widow to go on this journey of providing for Elijah?
- The widow had to trust God and sacrificially give before she experienced God's supernatural provision. What does this reveal about a life of faith?
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:6 - 11. What promise does God make in these verses?
- In John 3:16-17, God gives sacrificially. Why is it important to remember that God is sacrificially generous to us?
- In what ways is Jesus the perfect fulfillment of the widow's sacrificial generosity?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- In what specific ways has God been generous to you in the last year?
- What things get in the way of sacrificial generosity?
- When have you experienced supernatural provision?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS CONT.

- What is one thing you can do in this season to say yes to sacrificial generosity?
- What risks do you associate with living a life of faith?
- As you think about the Journey Project, what step of sacrificial generosity are you planning to take in this season? What miracles of provision are you asking God to perform for you? How will you notice and remember his supernatural provision for you during this season?
- *Close small group by praying that people at Faith would be marked by sacrificial generosity.*

TABLE TIME WITH KIDS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was the sermon from Sunday about? What questions do you have from it?
- As a family, read aloud 1 Kings 17:8-16. What stands out to you from these verses?
- What did God ask the widow to do? *God asked her to give the little she had to feed Elijah.*
- What promise did God make to the widow? *God promised that he would provide everything she needed if she would sacrificially give.*
- Does God give generously to us? *Yes. God is the most generous being in the universe.*
- In what ways is Jesus the perfect fulfillment of the widow's sacrificial generosity? *God the Father asked Jesus to freely give up his life on the cross. Jesus willingly gave up his life, and the miracle he experienced was his own resurrection from the grave. Just as the widow's oil came back, so Jesus' life came back.*
- As a family, come up with a list of ways that God has been generous to you.
- As a family, come up with a list of ways that you can be sacrificially generous.

Title: A Journey Marked by Confidence

Main Passage: Psalm 62

Supplementary Passages: Psalm 20:7, Philippians 4:13, Jeremiah 17:5-8

Passage for Memorization and Meditation:

BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD, WHOSE TRUST IS THE LORD.

- JEREMIAH 17:7

Overview: This week we are going to explore the importance of cultivating a deep confidence in God. Confidence in God is perhaps one of the most important aspects of our journey with God because God is most worthy of our trust. Additionally, without confidence in God, we won't follow him when things are hard or uncomfortable.

In Psalm 62:8 we are invited to place our confidence solely in the Lord. The reasons given are numerous. Power and steadfast love belong to God. God is a rock and a fortress. He is a reliable refuge, a strong salvation, a sure shelter. Those who trust in the Lord are not shaken. In other words, God is most worthy of our trust and confidence.

And yet, the call to trust the Lord can sometimes feel trite. It can roll off our lips like a stock phrase that we pull out when we don't know what to say. We say it to a dad whose daughter just ran away, to a friend who is wrestling with anxiety, or to a child who is going in for surgery. *Trust in the Lord. Place your confidence in him.*

Those little phrases may feel trite, but they are packed with truth. God is worthy of our trust. He alone is a rock and a fortress. He alone is a sure and a steadfast anchor for our souls, and he encourages us to come to his throne of grace to receive help in our time of need.

OPENING QUESTION

- When you think about God's character, what are some of the first few words or images that come to mind?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read Psalm 62. What stands out to you from these verses?
- What metaphors does the psalmist use for God in this passage, and what do these metaphors communicate about God's character?
- The culmination of Psalm 62 is an invitation to trust in God at all times. The apostle Paul echoes this invitation in Philippians 4:13. Why is confidence in God's character key to saying yes to the journey of trusting God at all times?
- When do you think it is difficult to trust in God?
- Read Jeremiah 17:5-8. What does God clearly reveal in this passage?
- What blessings come to those who say yes to the journey of trusting in the Lord?
- Read Psalm 20:7. What things other than the Lord do people place their confidence in?
- In what ways is Jesus the perfect fulfillment of the psalmist's confidence in God?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- Can you think of a time when it seemed you had stalled out in your journey to trust in God? Describe how you felt in that season.
- Talk about a time when you placed your confidence in God. What was that experience like?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS CONT.

- How would you currently describe your confidence in God? Is it strong? Weak? Healthy? Hopeful?
- What things hold you back from trusting God more fully?
- What things help you remember God's character?
- What aspects of God's character help you to trust him more fully?
- As you think about the Journey Project, what might God be asking you to do that would increase your confidence in him?
- *Close small group by praying that people at Faith would be marked by confidence in God.*

TABLE TIME WITH KIDS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was the sermon from Sunday about? What questions do you have from it?
- As a family, read aloud Psalm 62. What stands out to you from these verses?
- How does the psalmist describe God? *He describes God as a strong shelter that can be trusted.*
- What does the psalmist invite us to do in Psalm 62? *The psalmist invites us to trust in God.*
- What happens when we trust God? *We are blessed by God, and God protects us.*
- In what ways is Jesus the perfect fulfillment of the psalmist's confidence in God? *Jesus was confident that the Father would raise him from the dead, so he laid down his life as a ransom for many.*
- As a family talk about what helps you to trust in God and what keeps trust in God from growing.

Title: A Journey Marked by Grace

Main Passage: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Supplementary Passages: Ephesians 2:1-10, Luke 15:11-32

Passage for Memorization and Meditation:

BUT BY THE GRACE OF GOD I AM WHAT I AM, AND HIS GRACE TOWARD ME WAS NOT IN VAIN. ON THE CONTRARY, I WORKED HARDER THAN ANY OF THEM, THOUGH IT WAS NOT I, BUT THE GRACE OF GOD THAT IS WITH ME.

-1 CORINTHIANS 15:10

Overview: Never forget: We are marked by grace. By grace we have been saved. By grace we have come this far in the journey. And his grace toward us is not in vain. In other words, grace will lead us home. It will be with us throughout the entire journey.

This good news is made possible for us by Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

So how do we respond to God's amazing grace? We simply receive it like a catcher receiving a pitch. We simply open up our hearts to let God's forgiveness rush in. We stand strong in the reality that in Jesus we are a new creation. In Jesus, our past is dealt with and our future is one of freedom. We respond to grace by releasing anxious striving and setting aside heavy thoughts of condemnation. We respond to grace by resting in the reality that in Jesus we are loved.

May our lives and our church always be marked by God's amazing grace!

OPENING QUESTION

- Talk about a time when you forgot something really important. How did you react?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. What stands out to you from these verses?
- In 1 Corinthians 15:3-7 Paul grounds grace in the history of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Why is it important to remember that grace is grounded in history?
- What was Paul like before the grace of God? What does this tell you about grace?
- What was Paul like after the grace of God? What does this tell you about grace?
- Paul writes this part of 1 Corinthians to remind the Corinthians of the gospel of God's grace. What does this tell you about grace?
- Paul makes it very clear that grace comes to us because of who Jesus is and what Jesus did. How does it make you feel knowing that grace comes to you based on Jesus, not based on yourself?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- Who knows you really well? What three words would they use to describe you?
- After pondering God's amazing grace, what three words do you think God would use to describe you?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS CONT.

- Below are some insights into how God sees us because of Jesus. Take a minute to rate yourself using the 1 – 4 scoring system below. Then continue to the next question to process your answers.

1 = I do not believe this.

2 = I struggle to believe this.

3 = I believe this in my head.

4 = I believe this in my head and experience this in my life.

___ I am forgiven. (Ephesians 1:7)

___ I am a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

___ I am God's workmanship, not finished yet. (Ephesians 2:10, Philippians 1:6)

___ I am dearly loved. (Colossians 3:12)

___ I am blessed to be a blessing. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

___ I am free from condemnation. (Romans 8:1)

___ I am at peace with God. (Romans 5:1)

- Did you have any 1s, 2s, or 3s? Why is it difficult for you to believe this is how God sees you?
- Did you have any 4s? What has helped you to live in the light of God's grace?
- What happens to you when you forget that you are on a journey that is covered by grace? Conversely, what happens to you when you remember that your life is covered by grace?
- What can happen to a church if it fails to live in the light of God's grace? Conversely, what can happen to a church if it lives in the light of God's grace?
- As you think about the Journey Project, how has God's grace been made evident in your life? What steps have you taken during this season that you would not have taken without his grace?
- *Close small group by praying that people at Faith would be marked by confidence in God.*

TABLE TIME WITH KIDS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was the sermon from Sunday about? What questions do you have from it?
- As a family, read aloud 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. What stands out to you from these verses?
- Why did Paul write this passage? *He wanted the Corinthians to remember the good news of God's grace.*
- Why is grace good news? *Grace is good news because it means that we are loved, accepted and forgiven by God based on what Jesus has done on the cross for us, not based on what we do. This frees us from trying to earn God's love. Grace means we can trust Jesus and simply rest in God's love.*
- Where does God's grace come from? *Grace comes to us from Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Jesus lived the life we were called to live. Jesus died the death we deserve. And Jesus rose again to save all people who trust in him.*
- What was Paul like before his life was marked by God's grace? *He persecuted the church, which means he hurt and hated Christians.*
- What was Paul like after his life was marked by God's grace? *He worked hard to bless the church, which means he loved people and wanted them to experience God's amazing grace.*
- ***Parents, this week help your children see that God is full of grace. God loves your children very much because Jesus died on the cross and rose again for their salvation.***

