



God's Seeking Grace

MAIN THING

The first act of grace is the Holy Spirit seeking you out.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-7, John 16:8-11, 2 Peter 3:9

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever lost something extremely valuable to you and found it again? What was it and what happened?

OPENING THOUGHT

Grace is an active process that is always influencing and affecting us. Different aspects of grace affect us at different points in our spiritual development. When a person is lost, God's seeking grace challenges the person, convicts of sin, brings to repentance, and points to the person of Jesus. This is the first type of grace we ever experience.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. In John 16:8-11, the Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit does three things as God's Evangelist: shows us our sin, points us to Jesus, and shows us God's ultimate victory. Why are all three of these things essential to someone being won to Christ?

LIFE APPLICATION

Share a personal testimony, if you have one, of running away from God and God pursuing you. Is there anyone in your group that has had that experience? What was it like? What was the final straw that got you to surrender and stop running?

CHALLENGE

From Dave: There are so many people that we know that are not saved. Friends, family members, coworkers. I read an article in the Christian Post this week, incidentally, that implored us not to give up praying for our lost loved ones. The article went on to tell a story about a person who had been praying for her father for almost forty years before he became a Christian. Her mother followed suit soon afterwards, saying, "When I see the peace in his eyes, I want that too."

As a group, name some people that you have simply stopped praying for. Rededicate yourself to praying for the Holy Spirit to be powerful in the life of those persons, and be ready to partner with the Holy Spirit in leading them to Christ when the time is right.