

TALK IT OVER



JOURNEY OF GRACE

KEY DEFINITIONS**Moralism:** (Mor-al-ism)

/'môrəlizəm/

Self-righteous belief that you are spiritually saved by the good you do and the bad you avoid.

KEY SCRIPTURES

⁴⁰When Jesus heard him, he stopped and ordered that the man be brought to him. As the man came near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹"What do you want me to do for you?"

"Lord," he said, "I want to see!" ⁴²And Jesus said, "All right, receive your sight! Your faith has healed you."

Luke 18:40-42

²There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. ³He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

Luke 19:2-4

GOD'S SAVING GRACE

1. Lifts us from Our Misery
2. Removes the Blinders
3. Calls us out of Hiding
4. Restores us to Our Community
5. Liberates

KEY QUOTE

*"We are not saved by our efforts;
we are not saved by our goodness;
we are not saved by our intentions.
We are saved by grace."*

Dr. David Busic

*"Grace isn't dependent on who you were,
Grace is dependent on who God is."*

Pastor Steve

Select 1 or 2 questions from each section of this guide to lead your group or house church in a discussion. Feel free to adjust as needed. Each section is designed to follow each video segment of the message.

- **Video Section #1: Explore the Topic**
 - > Start it Out | Goal: Get people talking
- **Video Section #2: Explore what God says about the Topic**
 - > Talk it Out | Goal: Get the group talking about scripture
- **Video Section #3: Explore what we do with the Topic**
 - > Live it Out | Goal: Choose a question to encourage next steps
 - > Pray it Out | Goal: Lift of prayers, petitions, and praises

Start it Out | Goal: Get people talking

- How would you answer the question posed by Pastor Steve: Can *being good* or *doing good* lead to salvation, heaven, and eternal life? (*Remind everyone to be considerate of varying opinions*)
- Review the definition of **Moralism** then say; How familiar are you with this perception of salvation? Do you hear people say things like, "but I'm a good person?"
- What does it mean to be "Saved by grace?"

Talk it Out | Goal: Get the group talking about scripture

- Read **Luke 18:40-42**; Why do you think Jesus would ask the obvious blind man, "What do you want me to do for you?"
- Pastor Steve said that Luke used a particular word for "healed," which defined means, "saved," Why do you think that is?
- Read **Luke 19:2-4**; How are the stories of the blind man and Zacchaeus spiritually connected?

Live it Out | Goal: Choose a question to encourage next steps

- Review what **God's Saving Grace** does for us. What does it look like for you to live out these 5 truths in your own life this week? What does it look like for you to encourage someone else to live out this truth this week?
- Where does God's Grace fit in to your week, if the goal of the Christian life is to partner with Jesus in the restoration of the world?

Pray it Out | Goal: Lift up prayers, petitions, and praises

- How can we pray for you this week? *Take notes and follow up next week.*