

⁶ Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Luke 19:10

²⁰And while he was still a *long way off*, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.
²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.

Luke 15:20, 24

¹²...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:12b-13 (ESV)

KEY QUOTE

SEEKING

"The Way is sequentially first. That is not to say that the Truth and the Life are not important. It simply means that the Truth and the Life explain how and why Jesus is the Way."

Raymond Brown

"I am the Way there, and I am the Truth that will lead you on the Way there, and I am the Life that will give you the power to follow the Truth along the Way there." Fredrick Bruner

"God's Prevenient Grace meets us on our spiritual death bed and resurrects our lives so we may truly live."

Pastor Steve

SAVING

SEEKING GRACE | 3.7.21

TALK IT OVER

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 do you relate to the difference between a person giving you directions verses following someone to a destination?
- As much as you feel comfortable, talk about a season of your life when you were most aware of your need for grace.
- Can you testify to the experience of a deeper level of grace the more you grow in your relationship with Christ?

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

- Read John 14:6; "How do you respond to people when they say that Christianity is too exclusionary?
- Read Luke 19:10; What moment(s) of grace can you share to the truth that Jesus sought you out to save you?
- Read Luke 15:20, 24; How does the Parable of the Prodigal Son fit with our understanding of God's Seeking (Prevenient Grace) Grace?

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

- What does it look like for you to "work out your own salvation?"
- What does it look like for you to "work *out* what God has worked *in*!" In your opinion, what has God "worked in?"
- What does it mean for your life after hearing all the biblical examples of how "God went first?"
- How will sharing your faith be different knowing and believing that that God's Seeking Grace goes before every person?

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

> SANCTIFYING >

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

SUSTAINING >

SUFFICIENT