

God's Grace: There Is Power In Weakness

Small Group Discussion Guide

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Based on the teaching by Pastor Mirek Hufton | WHCGA

1. SERMON RECAP

Pastor Mirek Hufton explored the profound paradox that God's power is most fully released through human weakness, drawing from Paul's testimony in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. He unpacked grace as "the empowering presence of God to accomplish what you cannot do in your own strength -- unearned and undeserved," challenging the congregation to stop striving in their own ability and intentionally tap into this supernatural supply. Pastor Mirek called every believer to boldly approach the throne of grace in prayer, grow in humble dependence on God, and expect His grace to flow more mightily as they do.

2. KEY SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NKJV)

"And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

3. ICE BREAKER

Think of a time when something turned out far better than you expected -- and honestly, you cannot take the credit for how well it went. What happened, and what did it feel like to realize it wasn't just your own doing?

4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Getting Honest About Weakness

Pastor Mirek described grace as power that flows most freely when we stop depending on our own strength. Where in your life right now are you most tempted to "white-knuckle it" in your own ability instead of asking God for grace? What makes it hard to admit you need that help?

2. Redefining Weakness

He pointed out that Paul actually boasted in his infirmities -- describing an "infirmity" in the Greek as "an inability to produce results." What is one area of your life where you feel like you simply cannot produce the results you desperately want? How might God's grace be the missing ingredient rather than more personal effort?

3. The Throne of Grace

Pastor Mirek emphasized Hebrews 4:16, noting that grace is tied to intentionally coming into God's presence -- not just morning and evening prayers, but consistently throughout the day. How does your current prayer life reflect a genuine hunger for grace? What would it look like practically to seek the throne of grace more throughout your week?

4. Pride, Humility, and the Grace Blockage

He drew attention to James 4:6 -- "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble" -- and was candid that pride can actually block the flow of grace in our lives. Without putting anyone on the spot, can you describe what subtle pride might look like in everyday life -- the kind that quietly cuts off God's grace without us even noticing?

5. Growing From Grace to Grace

Pastor Mirek referenced 2 Peter 3:18 and challenged the group that believers can move from one level of grace to a greater level. He shared how people like Clara Joyner, who served quietly even as a leader, carry an unusual grace on their lives. What do you think it looks like practically to grow in grace -- not just receive it in a crisis, but cultivate it as a daily lifestyle?

6. Grace in Relationships and Ministry

He was warmly candid about needing grace to serve people in church community, on mission trips, and in everyday relationships -- noting that "church would be wonderful if it wasn't for the people" (said lovingly!). Where is a relationship or responsibility in your life right now that you are finding genuinely difficult, and how might specifically asking God for grace change how you show up in that situation?

5. APPLICATION CHALLENGE

This week, choose one specific situation -- a difficult relationship, a task that feels beyond you, or a moment of temptation to worry or strive -- and before you engage with it, pause and verbally ask God for His grace out loud. It doesn't need to be a long prayer. Something as simple as: "Lord, I can't handle this in my own strength. I'm coming to Your throne of grace right now. Give me Your grace for this moment." At your next group meeting, come ready to share what you noticed -- did anything shift in how you handled it, felt about it, or saw God show up in it?

6. PRAYER POINTS

- Grace for specific weakness: Pray together that each group member would have the humility to identify the

one area where they most need God's grace this week, and the boldness to ask for it at the throne.

- Pride and blockages removed: Ask God to search each heart for any subtle pride -- in abilities, in ministry roles, in self-sufficiency -- that may be quietly blocking the flow of His grace, and pray for a spirit of genuine humility to replace it.

- Growth in grace: Pray in line with 2 Peter 3:18 that the whole group would not stay at the same level of grace they are at today, but that each person would tangibly grow -- experiencing more of God's empowering presence this month than they did last month.

7. MEMORY VERSE

2 Timothy 2:1 (NKJV)

"You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

Leader's Tip: This is a great week to model vulnerability. If you as a leader share honestly about a place where you have been striving in your own strength, it gives the group permission to do the same. Grace flows best in rooms where people feel safe enough to admit they need it.