Why Grace Is Amazing

1. Grace is the basis of salvation.

Definitions for discussion:

- Grace = unmerited favor; undeserved kindness
- Basis = what something is based on; underlying support or foundation
- Salvation = being eternally saved from the penalty of sin

Key verses | Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace
you have been saved
through faith,
and that not of yourselves;
it is the gift of God,
not of works,
lest anyone should boast.

Why do we need grace?

- Ephesians 2:1-7
- Romans 3:23
- Romans 6:23
- Isaiah 59:2
- Isaiah 64:6

How does God provide grace?

- Romans 5:8
- Hebrews 2:9
- 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
- Isaiah 53:5-6

How do we receive God's grace?

- John 3:16
- Romans 4:5
- Acts 16:30-31

2. Grace provides changeless identity.

Definitions for discussion:

- Grace = unmerited favor; undeserved kindness
- Changeless = the property of never changing
- Identity = a defining label

There are two identities from God's perspective:

- Ephesians 2:1-3 (dead in sins, children of wrath) vs. Ephesians 2:4-10 (made alive, saved)
- John 3:18a (not condemned) vs. John 3:18b (condemned already)
- 1 Corinthians 15:22a (in Adam all die) vs. 1 Corinthians 15:22b (in Christ all shall be made alive)

Receiving God's grace through faith changes your identity.

- Ephesians 1:3-14
- John 1:12-13

3. Grace changes us so we can be a blessing.

Definitions for discussion:

- Grace = unmerited favor; undeserved kindness
- Change = the process of becoming something different
- Be a blessing = to do what is best for others in such a way that they are benefited.

Grace teaches us to be a blessing -

- Titus 2:11-14
- 1 Corinthians 15:9-11
- Titus 3:1-8
- Luke 7:36-47