

SMALL GROUP LESSON PLAN



Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

- **Greeting/Opening Prayer/Food & Friendship**
- **Icebreaker** ~ What was the hardest thing you've accomplished alone?
- **Testimonies/Good news/What are you thankful for?**
- **WOF's Purpose:**
 - 1) We teach and educate - exercising believer's rights through practical application
 - 2) We are a holistic church- development of spirit, soul, and body
 - 3) We are a mission's church - serving both domestic and international
- **Short review of what was preached at service on Sunday**
- **Facilitation of Lesson**

(Facilitator Notes)

Finding God's Grace in the Time of Need - Part 1

[Grace vs. Judgment by Bishop Butler]

God gives grace (assistance, favor and power) in the midst of our problems, providing us with solutions. People undergo assault because Satan is trying to make victims of them. We must have the proper mental attitude to face challenges, realizing everything happens for a reason. We must learn to go to God, stay in faith and count it all joy! Let's examine the process that God uses to help us to become strong in our faith in the face of less than favorable seasons in life.

READ: John 15:18-21 NLT - When we live our lives in accordance with God's plan, we may face challenges. Grace (assistance, favor and power) reminds us that we are not alone... God's is with us.

1. Share a time when you experienced a circumstance or situation that you thought you were not prepared to handle.
2. How did God help you to come through it?

READ: James 1: 2-7 NLT - Having the proper attitude is key to facing difficult situations or events that happen due to no fault of your own. (layoff, sick loved one, etc.)

3. Tell of a time you had to manage matters you were not directly responsible for.
4. Was your attitude good, bad or indifferent (showing no care or concern)?

READ: Matthew 5:44 NKJV Blessing those who persecute us reflects the goodness and grace of God.

5. What greater good can happen if you put your faith in God for both you and the offender?

- **Time of Decision** (Everyone Bow Your Heads)

1) Receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior: *Some may have never received Jesus. *You may be a good person, give to the poor, and serve in the community. *Has there been a day where you confessed Jesus and Lord?

(Read Romans 10:9) If need to make this decision, raise your hand:

What to do next: Have them repeat after you: "I believe that Jesus is the son of God. I believe he died for me bearing my sins for me. I believe he rose from the dead and is alive right now. Dear Lord Jesus, come into my life now! Come into my heart now! I believe in my heart, and say with my mouth that Jesus Christ is my personal Lord as Savior. And I am, right now, born again."

2) Rededicate your life: *Is your life a mess? *Are you struggling right now? *You know something is just off in life? **{Read 1 John 1:9}** If you want to be restored with God, raise your hand:

What to do next: Lead the person in the following prayer, allowing them to repent before God for the area they have sinned: "Father, I come before you in the Name of Jesus asking for forgiveness ... (allow the person to personally speak to God about the specific thing they are repenting for). After they are finished, close out the prayer with them, thanking God for forgiveness and restoration."

- **Time of Prayer**
- **Your Circle: (Family, Friends and those you have influence with) How's it going?**
- **Announcements-Next WOF service and any additional announcements**
- **Dismissal**

Prayer focus: 1) Your Circle (friends and family) 2) Small Group members 3) Word of Faith Leadership

Have you reached out to your circle today?