



Awesome Mix

Group Discussion Questions

Week 1: Amazing Grace

Week of November 4

This week - Amazing Grace

One of the most famous songs in Christian history was written in the 1700's by a former slave trader named John Newton. Through a near death experience Newton put his faith in Jesus and his life was forever changed. This hymn summarizes the overall message of Scripture and Newton's personal experience that we are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

Watch the [Video](#):

Write down one thing that stood out to you from the teaching.

Discussion Questions

1. What do you think makes music so powerful? What type of music has the greatest impact on you?

Choose someone in your group to read **Ephesians 2:1-10** aloud to the group.

Study Note:

Ephesians 2 beautifully summarizes the heart of the Christian faith. We were spiritually dead, but God saved us and brought us back to life. We have been saved not because of our works, but because of God's grace which we receive through our faith. The hymn Amazing Grace reflects the message of this rich passage.

2. Discuss how Ephesians 2:1-3 describes at least three different aspects of our human spiritual problem.

3. Amazing Grace says "I once was lost but now I am found. I was blind but now I see." What does Ephesians 2:1-3 say about how we became lost and in need of being found? How does the word "follow" give insight into that question?

4. Was there a time in your life when looking back you would describe yourself as lost? When did you discover that you were lost?

5. Verse 4 has one of the most important "buts" in the Bible. What do we learn about God from this verse?

6. "T'was grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved." What do you think John Newton meant by these words? How does this relate to what Paul says in Ephesians 2:5 about being fully alive in Christ?

7. Many songs have come and gone, but Amazing Grace has endured as one the most recognized and loved Christian songs not only in the United States, but around the world. Why do you think that is?

8. What should be our response to God's amazing grace?

Going Deeper

9. What is the role of "works" in our Christian life and salvation? Ephesians 2:8-10 talks about "works" in two different ways. Why are both perspectives necessary and important?

10. How do you see God's "handiwork" in your life? How does God want to do specific good works through you in your family, workplace, or church?

Prayer

Close your session by sharing how you can pray for each other in response to today's discussion.