

## **Small Group Notes**

IN THIS PLACE | Week 4 “Grace Is In This Place”

We can't work our way to God, so God in His love, grace and mercy worked His way to us. The angel brings “Good News of great joy for all people” with the arrival of Jesus. This “Good News” is called the gospel. It is personal, positive, powerful and for all people. This is the message of the church: the gospel of Jesus. If we hear anything other than good news when we hear the gospel, then what we have heard is either incomplete or inaccurate.

### **CONVERSATION STARTERS**

1. What was the best news you received this week?
2. If you were to share a really big announcement to as many people as possible, how would you go about communicating it?

### **SERMON NOTES REVIEW**

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

### **WATCH THE VIDEO**

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. Share a little bit of your story about how and when you said Yes to Jesus.
2. Who in your life needs to hear the Good News of the love, grace and mercy of Jesus? How can you share this news with them?
3. Read aloud Luke 2:8-14. Why do you think God made such an important announcement to a group of shepherds at night on a countryside?
4. Read aloud Philippians 2:5-11. Jesus went from a throne in heaven to a manger in a stable. How does this single act demonstrate how much God loves each and every one of us?
5. Why do you think grace is in rare supply in our culture today? Why might grace be in rare supply in how we treat others?
6. Mark 2:17 states, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” What does this passage reveal about the relationship between humility and the ability to receive grace?
7. Where do you need grace right now?

**PRAYER**

Spend time as a group praying over each other and for the names of people shared in question #2. God, thank You for Your unlimited grace. We recognize we have not earned it and we are not deserving, yet You freely give it. We are not even aware of how often and how much we need it. Give us boldness and courage to share Good News of great joy to people you place in our lives. In Jesus name, Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

- Be praying about how God would ask you to be a part of *In This Place* and be prepared to bring your commitment to service on the weekend of December 7/8.