“You Get What You Don’t Deserve”

Discussion Questions

4.7.13

1. Take a moment and share with the group what stood out to you most about the message. Was there anything that seemed hard to accept? Anything that seemed new and challenging?

2. In the message Tom points out that grace means we get what we don’t deserve. David had already received mercy in that he was spared death, which he deserved. Now in 2 Samuel 12:24 we see David being blessed beyond mercy by receiving a new son. This is grace. Have there been times in your life were you have experienced this? Where you have received not only God’s mercy, but also an added blessing? Take a moment to reflect and share testimonies with the group.

3. This idea of grace goes against the ideas of this world, it makes Christianity unique. It can often be hard to feel this is possible because our offenses and sin may not have been forgiven by those around us or by society. Still, we are told that God does forgive. Not only that, but we are told He blesses us beyond what we deserve. Take a moment and re-read Psalm 32 and Romans 5:20, then spend some time in prayer asking God to help us accept His grace and forgiveness.

4. As you pray, reflect back on the stories Tom shared, the examples of scandalous grace, and pray that God would do that work in the lives of others that still don’t know or believe this is possible. Spend some time praying for loved ones, friends and family who feel they may have gone too far for forgiveness, that there is no way God could forgive them. Pray that the truth of God’s mercy, love and forgiveness would penetrate their hearts and they would be able to receive Jesus.