

Life Group Notes

Read Ephesians 2:1-10; Rom. 4:1-5; 5:8.

1. Why do you think that the hymn *Amazing Grace* has remained a favourite since John Newton wrote it in 1779? In which ways do the words of this hymn speak to you? Do you feel that the word “wretch” is an appropriate of yourself?
2. Steve told a Philip Yancey story about a wedding banquet in Boston for the down-an-outs which was a great illustration of “grace.” Do you have any such stories of grace to share?
3. Society believes “there ain’t no such thing as a free lunch!” Do you believe that this is generally true? In which way does the gospel proclaim an altogether different message?
4. What did Abraham discover about being right with God? Read Romans 4:1-5 (NLT)
5. In which way might the message of God’s grace be abused? Why is the message of God’s grace so shocking?
6. Philip Yancey: “Grace means that there is nothing I can do to cause God to love me more than he does; and there is nothing that I can do to cause God to love me any less.” What do you think about this statement? Is it the way that you have viewed message of the gospel?
7. Steve said that grace might be free, but it is also costly. What was he referring to? Is there such a thing as a proper response to grace?