



Discussion Guide for May
17th

Redo: Paul **1 Corinthians 15:9-10**

Ice Breaker Questions:

- Would you rather.....
 - Be covered in fur or covered in scales?
 - Be in jail for a year or lose a year off the end of your life?
 - Lose the ability to read or the ability to speak?
 - Have all traffic lights you approach turn green or never stand in line for the rest of your life?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:9-10

God's grace is greater than your past!

Least of these- Throughout many of his letters in the New Testament, Paul uses language and phrases that reveal his humility. In 1 Cor. 15:9 he says he is the least of the apostles and in 1 Tim. 1:15 he admits that he is the 'Chief sinner'.

-When is a time in your life that you felt like the 'least of these'?

-How can this mindset be a bad thing in some instances? How is it beneficial in our Christian walk?

- This is a good time to differentiate between having low self-esteem and being humble. Low Self-esteem and a lack of confidence is not a healthy mindset in our day to day lives because we are worthy in the eyes of God...but we are also called to be humble and think of ourselves last.

Demonstrate His Power- "But by the grace of God I am what I am..." We are who we are today because God has shown His power through our lives.

-What are practical ways we can allow God's power to work in our lives?

- Part of allow God's power to work in our lives is to allow His forgiveness and grace to overcome our past. Many times, we are slow to forgive ourselves and move forward into what God has planned for our life.
- This is also a great time to discuss how God can use our weaknesses to do great things. Are we stepping out in faith even in our areas of weakness to allow God to work?

Drive your best Effort- "His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them." We must rest in God's grace but not become apathetic...His Grace should fuel our passion to serve Him.

- What is the difference between working for God BECAUSE of His Grace and working for God to EARN His Grace?

- This is a common trap for many Christians....Our salvation is not because of our works BUT our Salvation will lead to Good works. How do we maintain our best effort and hustle for the Kingdom and not get caught in the mindset of legalism?

Deliver your Strength: “Yet not I, but the Grace of God that was with me.” We must allow God’s grace to fuel our strength. And when other’s see the strength of God in our lives, it is a testimony to God’s Power and Love.

- How can you use your personal story of God’s grace in your life to share His love and grace with others?

Prayer Time:

-Pray for God to give you opportunities this week to invite others into your life and share your story.

-Pray for JPC as we make plans for the summer and how to phase back into our regular services.

-Continue to pray for people on the front lines of the corona virus fight and for the lives that have been directly impacted by the changes in society at this time.