



# SCANDALOUS GRACE

PART 3: Is repentance necessary?

Note to Leader: Every Small Group is Different. Don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

## INTRODUCTION

God's grace is scandalous. It is a threat to the religious for fear of immorality or loss of control, To most people, it's simply too good to be true. All religions teach that we have to do something for God in order to get something from God. Good behaviour results in good reward from God and vice versa.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the most important topic of all time. The almighty God, in His infinite mercy and grace, saw it fit to make a way for the reconciliation of fallen man to Himself. Therefore, Christians must take the Gospel very seriously and be prepared to accurately communicate the Gospel to those that come into our path. The most important question that a person will ever ask is that of the Philippian Jailer: "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30) Christians must be able to answer that question above all others.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever been "cheated" by false advertisement? (e.g. you were told it's free but then you had to do/purchase something.) Share your experience with the group.
2. How do you think a person can be saved (receive eternal life)? Take turn to read out loud each of the following verse(s): John 3:15-17, John 6:29, John 6:46-47, Romans 1:16-17, Ephesians 2:8-9, Acts 16:30-31.
3. Read the following stories and notice when the people had a change of heart about sin. Is it before or after Jesus showed them love/grace/forgiveness?
  - a. The adulterous woman (John 8:1-11)
  - b. Zaccheus (Luke 19:5-8)
  - c. The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:20-21)
  - d. The Samaritan woman (John 4:1-41)
4. Why do you think it is absurd to believe that you need to repent from your sin (giving up your sin) before you can believe in Jesus Christ as your saviour?
5. Daniel said even though repentance from sin is not necessary for salvation (relationship), it is necessary to keep our fellowship close with God and to be able to live this life to the fullest like Jesus had promised.
  - a. How does sin destroy our lives and fellowship with God?
  - b. What can you do about it? How can this group help you?

## MOVING FORWARD

Jesus told them, "This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent." (John 6:29 NLT)

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

Repentance does not lead to grace. Grace leads to repentance.