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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUPS OR INDIVIDUAL STUDY

Ice Breaker (if needed):

Who was the best teacher you had in school, or at work?
Share what made him or her stand out.

1. Read Matthew 5:1-16 and Luke 6:20-26. What are these passages known as? Who was the audience when Jesus spoke these words? How would they have received these words? Put yourself in their shoes. As you read these passages today, share what most challenges you to rest in and what gives you hope, joy, and strength.
2. Focus on Matthew 5:10. Those who are persecuted because of righteousness are described as blessed. What is "righteousness"? What is the promise given? How is this promise fulfilled?
3. Read Matthew 5:11-12. How do you tend to react to insults, rejection, and lies told against you because of your faith? Share when you experienced unwanted or hurtful attention, or rejection, due to your faith. Does your reaction to these hurts align with how Jesus instructs you to react? Why or why not? Read Luke 6:22-23. What are the reasons to rejoice?
4. What is spiritual warfare? What forms does it take? Why can you expect resistance, undermining, and assaults to come against you as you pursue growing in faith, doing Kingdom work, and deepening your identity as a child of God? Why should you recognize persecution when it comes?
5. How do you fight against the enemy's attacks? Discuss the following methods and share what you have found effective or challenging:
 - a. Stop agreeing with the attacks or giving the attacks authority over you.
 - b. Intense battle through worship and going to the Word.
 - c. Pray without ceasing to be aligned with His will for you.
 - d. Rejoice and be glad! You are in the same boat as prophets and apostles!
 - e. Surround yourself with other members of the Family of God. Love well!
 - f. Remind yourself that God is your vindicator.
 - g. Look forward to your reward in Heaven.

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SERMON SERIES:
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GRACE NEWS

8.16.25 - 8.17.25

WEEK 1: BLESSED ARE THE PERSECUTED

GROWTH TRACK

Whether you've been a part of Grace for a long time or are a new attender to Grace, this class is for anyone who is looking to get more connected into the Grace family and your Kingdom purpose. Sunday, August 17th and 24th. 6:00pm in the Grace Kids Auditorium. Childcare and dinner provided.

NEXT GEN

Next Gen Training for Grace Kids and Youth. Saturday, August 23rd 9:00am - 12:00pm. Breakfast and Childcare provided.

GRACE CENTER FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

This month, we are taking donations of eggs, meat, peanut butter, kid friendly and regular cereal, fresh fruit and vegetables, seasonings, body soap, paper towels, and toilet paper. Email Monica at mbaroz@gracemontrose.org with questions.

PRODUCTION DREAM TEAM

Come and join the video, slides, lights and sound team. No experience needed, just a passion. Contact Jean at jsandoval@gracemontrose.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

To be informed of all Youth Events, follow us on social media! You can find us on Facebook and Instagram @gracemontrosecoyouth



GRACE KIDS SERVICE LAYOUT:

K-5th graders in class for entire service.
Middle school students go to class after worship.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Hospitality and Facilities Coordinator: Grace Community Church is seeking a half-time Hospitality and Facilities Coordinator who shares a passion for hospitality and creating a welcoming environment for our staff, congregation and community. For more information go to our website.

TAKING IT DEEPER

Spend some time in Matthew 5:1-16 and Luke 6:20-26

FINANCIAL UPDATE

WEEKLY TITHE NEEDS: \$44,022
LAST WEEK'S TITHE ACTUAL: \$74,574

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