

# Week 1 – Our Need for Grace

## Grace Learning Lab

### Homework to Prepare for Meeting

Your assignment for this week before you go to your first meeting is:

1. **Watch or listen to Podcast 1 – God and Grace** (22 minutes) found here: [www.hopemason.org/learning-labs](http://www.hopemason.org/learning-labs)
2. **Watch or listen to Podcast 2 – Humans and Grace** (33 minutes)
3. Review the discussion questions on this sheet and come prepared to discuss.

### The Meeting

10 mins Icebreaker Question – Share one highlight from your week, or...  
Share a memorable gift you've received or given.

10 mins **Take turns reading aloud the purpose of the Grace Learning Lab:**

1. Hear teaching on the key themes of “Receiving Gospel Grace”;
2. Hear honest wrestling with the challenges of experiencing the joy of God’s grace;
3. Get equipped with practices that we believe will help you grow in the joy of His grace:
  - a. An individual practice you can do on our own;
  - b. An interpersonal practice to be done with others.
4. To go through all of this in community with other followers of Jesus at Hope.

Overview of the four weeks:

Week 1 – Our Need for Grace, Individual Practice introduced

Week 2 – God’s Provision of Grace, Interpersonal practice introduced

Week 3 – Barriers to Experiencing Grace, practice “Interpersonal Confession”

Week 4 – More practice on “Interpersonal Confession”

### How do you feel about this? What are you looking forward to? Any concerns?

25 mins Discussion Questions

1. What was most helpful to you from Podcast 1 (Stephen and Jim)?
2. Which quality of God (holy, creator, sovereign ruler, Trinity, relational, provider, judge, etc.) is most meaningful to you right now, and why? Which is hardest for you to connect with, and why?
3. What was most helpful to you from Podcast 2 (JT, Jill, Bill)?
4. Which is more difficult for you, believing that you need God's grace, or believing it's available to you? Why do you think that is?

**Podcast summaries to refresh your memory are available under 'Resources'.**

10 mins Watch together Podcast 5 – The “How” of Prayer of Reflection” – 10 minutes



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- 10 mins      Discussion Question: How might this practice help you experience the joy of God’s grace more deeply? What questions or concerns do you have?
- 10 mins      Go over homework for next week. Block out times on your calendars to do them!
1. Listen to Podcast 3 – God’s Provision of Grace – 21 minutes
  2. Listen to Podcast 6 – The “Why” of Interpersonal Confession – 16 minutes
  3. Do the Prayer of Reflection 3x – Give out “Prayer of Reflection” handout
  4. **Block out time on your individual calendars now to do the homework.**
  5. **How can we encourage and help each other remember to do this?**
- 5 mins      Close in prayer

Total Time = 80 minutes