

Week 8: Grace to Finish Well

<p>CHECK-IN</p>	<p>What does the word “desire” mean to you? Is there anything you’ve been desiring lately? What has been shaping your desires this week?</p>
<p>BIG IDEA</p>	<p>The Christian life is learning how to remain open to the grace God has already given in Christ. Grace is not only what saves us—it sustains us, forms us, and calls us back when we drift. How we receive grace matters.</p>
<p>DISCUSS</p>	<p>Read Ephesians 6:24.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the sermon, Pastor Chike said that our desires shape our identities, our allegiances, and our stories. Where do you see that playing out in your own life right now—for better or worse? 2. The sermon named four postures of receiving grace: the Word, prayer, community, and obedience. Which of these feels most alive in your life right now? Which one feels most neglected? 3. Pastor Chike talked about the difference between condemnation and conviction—that the enemy says “you’re done,” but the Holy Spirit says “come back”. How does knowing that difference change how you respond when you fail?
<p>APPLY How do we respond to God’s teaching in meaningful ways? What might God ask of us in mind, spirit, or actions?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What do you need to surrender in order to remain in the grace God has given you? 2. Which of the four postures of receiving grace (the Word, prayer, community, or obedience) do you sense God inviting you to lean into this week? What would one concrete step look like? 3. Is there an area of your life where you’ve been drifting quietly—not in dramatic rebellion, but in slow distance from God? What would “coming back” look like for you?



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PRAYER PRACTICE (15 minutes)

Do a slow read of Psalm 16:5-8.

Read the psalm slowly together as a group—once through for listening, a second time pausing on whatever word or phrase stands out, and a third time responding in silent prayer.

Close by praying Psalm 16:11 together: *"You make known to us the path of life; you will fill us with joy in your presence. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."*