

## He Gives Grace

**Open The Conversation:** Share something good from this week.

**Key Scripture:** Read the following together.

*6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you."*

*James 4:6-8*

1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

**Start Sharing:** Choose one question to start the conversation, move onto others if time allows.

- In the midst of weariness or suffering, how have you experienced God's closeness? Share a time when you felt isolated or distant from God, and how you recognized His grace in your life during that period.
- Do you find yourself viewing God through your experiences or through the lens of His Word? How can you better seek God's presence and understanding in the middle of challenging circumstances, rather than relying on your immediate emotions or perceptions?
- When you face struggles, do you tend to see God's grace at work in your life, or do you confuse His grace with judgment? How can you humble yourself to better recognize and receive God's grace in difficult times?
- Pride can be a barrier to seeing God's grace. In what ways have you seen pride influence your understanding of how God is working in your life? How can we help each other resist pride and draw nearer to God in humility?
- James 4:6-8 encourages us to draw near to God. In your group's experience, what are some practical ways you can cultivate a habit of drawing near to God during challenging seasons, both individually and together?

**Start Praying:** Pray together and for one another.

*"God, we receive your grace today. Help us to see ourselves and others with the grace You see us with. Thank you Jesus. Amen."*