

By God's Grace, for His Glory

Word

Scripture Reference

2 Corinthians 4:15

Discussion Questions

1. Share with the group what you appreciate about your church.
2. **Remember: God's grace.** It is our joy that the Lord used GCCP to transform thousands of lives over the last 50 years. To celebrate, the theme *By His Grace, for His Glory* was chosen based on 2 Corinthians 4:15, *"For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God."* Paul gladly suffered for Jesus in order to spread the gospel. As a result, many have experienced God's grace. In celebrating our church's anniversary, we want to remember God's grace and challenge ourselves to live for His glory. Our church has not been perfect, but God blessed us nevertheless and allowed us to flourish, all because of His grace. How do you define grace? Do you know of anyone who deserves the grace of God? Does our church deserve His grace? Why or why not? Discuss how Christians take for granted God's grace. Share how God's grace has been manifested in your life.
3. **Respond: Live for God's glory.** God's grace must be accompanied with actions. As recipients of God's grace, our response, individually and corporately as a church, is to live for His glory. Our passage gives us three challenges on how we as recipients of God's grace can live for His glory:
 - a. **Pursue Excellence (v. 7-10).** Pursuing excellence is having the attitude of giving God our best. The work of Jesus requires excellence—do your best for Him as a response to His grace. Why does God deserve our best? Share how you show your best effort for God at home, at school or in your

workplace. Why would pursuing excellence in everything you do give glory to God?

- b. **Take on our individual responsibilities (v. 11-14).** As a believer of Jesus Christ, you have responsibilities that you need to live out. What are your responsibilities as a child of God? Share how you take your responsibilities seriously.
- c. **Live with a heavenly mindset (v. 16-18).** Bible prophecy is a great reminder that one of these days, each one of us will give an account to God of how we lived our lives today. Discuss the ways you can live your life out with eternity in mind. How would this mindset make a spiritual impact on others?

Walk

God's grace has been shown to our church over these 50 years. The fact that our church is growing both numerically and spiritually, God is indeed at work in our midst. As a response, our desire is to live out our faith in order to give glory to His Name. As a member of God's body, how do you live out your faith? How is God's grace being manifested in your walk with Him? Does your life honestly give glory to God?

Worship & Prayer

Heavenly Father, our church is so blessed that in spite of our weaknesses and shortcomings, You have shown to each one of us Your grace. We don't deserve it because none of what we do will ever meet Your standard. And yet, because of Your gift of grace, we are able to receive Your love and mercy. As a response, help us to give glory to Your name by doing our best in whatever task You entrust to us. Help us to take our individual responsibilities as Your child, especially in being a vessel of Your blessings to others and in reaching out with the gospel to those who do not yet know You. Help us to live out our faith with a heavenly mindset, that we would choose to do what has eternal value for Your sake. In Jesus' name. Amen.