



Part #6: Grace

Introduction: No matter what your faith background, or even if you have no faith background – everybody, at some point, bargains with God. Even atheists in desperate circumstances will hope that there might be a god who can fix their situation. We all lean into “doing a deal” with God because we think that maybe we have something that God wants or needs. But God is God. He doesn’t want something from us, but for us. Bargaining with God is not how He would have us relate to Him.

Questions to Ponder:

Ice Breaker: Share about a time when you’ve been “let off the hook” in some way. How did you feel about it? How do you feel about it now?

1. What is it that we could possibly think that God wants from us, that He doesn’t already have?
2. Two similar definitions of grace:
 - Unmerited (undeserved) favour
 - Getting exactly what you don’t deserve but what you probably need.Which one do you connect to and why?
3. Most people respond to the idea of unconditional grace with... “But what about...?” What’s your “But what about... ?” Can you think of a situation or scenario from your own life that might cause you to question unconditional grace?
4. “That’s why the most gracious people you will ever meet, are people who have dipped into and tapped into the amazing grace of God.” Does your own life speak clearly to others of God’s grace or something else?

Next Step: What can you do this week that will help you make the shift from bargaining with God, to a posture of gratitude for what God has done? How can your Connect Group help you in this?

Reflect: “But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead.” (Ephesians 2:4–5 NLT)

“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God.” (Ephesians 2:8 NLT)