



## WEEK 3 | LEADER GUIDE

### GRACE

#### **Review: What is Prophetic Community?**

*Prophetic Community is the gathering of God's people whose life together testifies to the truth of the Gospel.*

#### **Core Value #2 - Grace**

**Vision Statement:** In a culture that fosters division and an “us” vs. “them” mentality, we emphasize the inclusive nature of the ministry of Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus Christ welcomed all people, regardless of ethnicity, gender, or social status to participate in his life, death, and resurrection.

- Read the vision statement of grace together. Why do you believe grace is an essential piece of Prophetic Community?

#### **Let's read some scriptures that reveal this to us.**

- **Ephesians 2:4-10** - 4 - But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
  - **Quickly - Tell your circle how this text inspires you.**
- **Luke 6: 32-36** - 32 “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. 35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.
  - **Quickly - Tell your circle how this text inspires you.**

- 2 Timothy 1:8-9 - 8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,
  - Quickly - Tell your circle how this text inspires you.
- Romans 12:3-8 - 3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.
  - Quickly - Tell your circle how this text inspires you.

### Weekly Questions:

1. Do you find the relationship between Grace and Truth to be challenging?
  - a. When is it the most difficult for you to practice?
  - b. Do you find that you are typically more of a “truth” person or more of a “grace” person?
2. How do the verses above provide a foundation for Grace being one of our core values?
3. What do we mean when we say, “in a culture that fosters division and an “us” vs. “them” mentality, we emphasize the inclusive nature of the ministry of Jesus Christ.”? How do we see this “us” vs. “them” attitude displayed around us?
4. How is the Prophetic Community exclusive for believers? How is the Prophetic Community inclusive for non-believers?
5. How can the Prophetic Community be both exclusive and inclusive in the present world today? Give some real life examples.

### Closing:

As you prepare to go into the sanctuary for a time of worship, prepare your hearts by having somebody in your circle read this verse out loud. When you are finished say “amen” in unison and then have someone lead your circle in prayer.

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10** - 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

*Pray for each other.*