

GO FURTHER | MAY 15 | THE NECESSITY OF GRACE: BRISTOL

# START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

• WITH SUMMER FAST APPROACHING, WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD TO EAT FROM THE GRILL? DO YOU GRILL YEAR-ROUND OR JUST IN THE SUMMER?

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- Read Ephesians 2:8-10. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- What is the cost of salvation according to verse 8?
- What is our response to the free gift of salvation in verses 9 and 10?
- How can we live lives in grateful response to God's free gift of salvation to us? What does that look like in our ordinary lives?

## START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- We must deal with the reality of sin, of being pulled off of God's path in our lives, much like being blown around on the ND highways.
- Read Romans 7:19-20. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- Wesley explained three kinds of graces we experience in this life
- Prevenient Grace the grace that comes before, the porch on the house of our lives
- Saving Grace the grace that redeems us, walking through the doorway into the house
- Sanctifying Grace the everyday grace of living more like Jesus, moving room to room in the house
- Which grace do you find yourself living in today? What would it take to move to the next grace? What means of grace could you begin to help you go deeper in sanctifying grace?

#### START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

• Lord Jesus, we thank you every day for the free gift of salvation. May we live every moment of our lives in grateful response to the gift you have given us. Help us to see ourselves clearly in whatever grace we are currently in and take the steps next to go deeper in your love and grace for us. In your resurrected name we pray, Amen.

#### START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

• For more on Ephesians, check out this 3-day devotional: https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/23930-book-of-ephesians