

# C L A R I T Y

*Small Group Discussion Notes  
Sunday, April 30, 2017*

**Getting Started:** Have you ever received a bonus at work? Did you feel like you deserved it or did it feel like a gift?

1. Most people like to think they will go to “a better place” when they die. Read the following statements and describe people who might say something similar. How do they view themselves? How would they pray? How would they orient their life?

*“I don’t think I need any help from God.”*

*“I might need a little help from God.”*

*“I will need a lot of help from God.”*

2. *Read Ephesians 2:1-10.* What is the picture Paul gives of us without Christ? Why does it seem that some people have a hard time accepting we are so “deserving of wrath?” Do you feel you deserve the wrath of God without Christ?
3. If a person doesn’t think they need much grace from God, do you think the issue is that they don’t have a high enough view of God, or that they don’t think they are that bad?
4. How does being reminded that your salvation is a gift and not a reward or obligation make you feel?
5. If grace is such a good thing, why do we resist it? Could it be because grace is unique to our experiences in life? Is it just that we don’t think we need it? Could it be that we resent the idea that we can’t contribute ANYTHING to our salvation?
6. How does the reality that we are saved by grace impact:

*Our prayer life?*

*Our willingness to forgive others?*

*Our willingness to share our faith with others?*

*Our efforts in serving Christ?*

**Abide/Bless/Love:** Pray for opportunities to share the grace of God with others.