DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of September 19, 2021

One of the best things you can do after hearing truths from the Word of God is to talk about them with others. Here are some questions to help get the conversation started. (hint: the first couple of questions are meant to "break the ice" and get people talking)

- When you said, "It's not fair," as a child, what was it that you were most often referring to?
- When you say, "It's not fair," today (as an adult), what is it that you are most often referring to?
- In thinking about experiencing grace and how "unfair" it can be...what is something that God has given, or done for you, that was far more than you "deserved?"
- Both thieves mocked Jesus. Read about it in Matthew 27:41-44. Compare that to what one of the thieves said in Luke 24:40-42. What could have happened that led to this drastic change? Have you ever had this kind of experience?
- We talked about God's grace to the thief being totally undeserved. Can you think of anyone else in Scripture that enjoyed grace that they had not earned?
- Talk about a time in your life that you were enjoying the grace of God and had a keen awareness that it was undeserved (unfair). How did this realization change the way you viewed the grace you were experiencing? (See I Corinthians 15:9-10)
- Read through and discuss Ephesians 2:1-9.
- How can we show "extravagantly unfair" grace to others?
- What is your "takeaway" from the story of the thief on the cross and the thought that "grace isn't fair?" How will this truth help you moving forward?
- Take some time to pray together.

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