

## I. CHECK-IN

- Check in. How is everyone doing?
- Reflect on last week's challenge:  
*"Think about all the things that have influenced your understanding/view of hell. How have they shaped you and do you still agree with them?"*

## II. SCRIPTURE + DEFINITIONS

### EPHESIANS 2:8

You are saved by God's grace because of your faith.

### PREVENIENT GRACE

Way before we had enough faith to put our full trust in God, God was already active and moving in our lives.

### JUSTIFICATION / JUSTIFYING GRACE

Justification is another word for pardon and forgiveness. It is the forgiveness of our sins and because of that forgiveness, it is also a reconciliation with God. So justification needs to be understood through two lenses: it is both past and immediate at the same time.

### SANCTIFICATION / SANCTIFYING GRACE

A lifelong journey through which we are enabled by God to become more and more dead to sin, and more and more alive in Jesus. It is a gradual journey, one that slowly, but continuously, chips away at our inclination to sin.

## III. PRAYER

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

## IV. CHALLENGE

Spend some time this week reflecting on the ways in which God's grace is at work in your life. The hope is that this reflection will give you an assurance that you are saved.

## V. DISCUSSION

- What thoughts run through your mind when you talk about being saved? Why?
- We often think about being saved as a future, after death, event. Pastor Fernie reminds us that being saved is also about the here and now. Does understanding salvation through this lens change anything about your outlook on being saved?
- Scripture tells us that we are saved by faith alone. What does this mean to you?
- Salvation happens because of grace (prevenient, justifying, sanctifying grace). Is this understanding of grace new to you? Do you see it at play in your own life?
- With all of this new information, if someone asked you if you were saved, what would you say? Why?
- Being saved is really as simple as having faith in Jesus. Would you say you have that kind of faith?