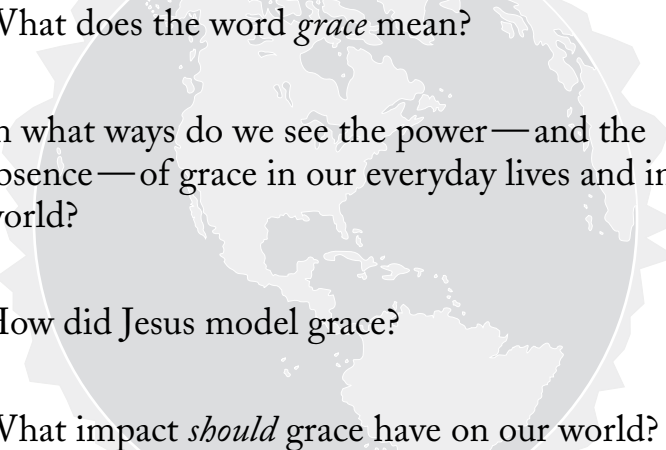


Session 1

The Missing Ingredient

A Beautiful Word,
a Powerful Concept

Questions to Consider

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- What does the word *grace* mean?
 - In what ways do we see the power—and the absence—of grace in our everyday lives and in our world?
 - How did Jesus model grace?
 - What impact *should* grace have on our world?

A Word Packed with Meaning

What comes to mind when you hear the word *grace*?

- A religious word that draws a blank
- A word that makes me uncomfortable
- A word that gives me hope
- The story of my life
- A yearning I feel inside
- Other

What words or phrases can you think of that contain the word *grace* or some form of this word?

How would you define the word *grace*?

Video Notes

Philip Yancey: “I’m convinced that the future of the church in this new century depends on how well we master this notion of grace.”

Philip Yancey: “I wrote this book because *grace* is not the first word that comes to mind when people think of Christians.”

Philip Yancey: “Gordon MacDonald once said, ‘Grace is the one thing the church has that you can’t get anywhere else.’”

Philip Yancey: “Never, ever, underestimate the power of grace. It is a gift from God, and it holds within it a supernatural power.”

Philip Yancey: “Grace is a gift, free of charge, on the house. You only have to do one thing to receive a gift: open your hands.”

