

Small Group Discussion Guide

“No Limits (pt. 3)” - 01.17.16

Scripture: Acts 8:1-31; 9:1-2

Bottom Line: Unending Grace is available in Jesus.

INTRODUCTION/BREAKING THE ICE:

Icebreakers are a great way to get your group talking and learn more about each other. Use some of the following examples or make up your own questions for your group. If you had to give up a favorite food, which would be the most difficult to give up? If you won a lottery ticket and had a million dollars, what would you do with it? If you could transport yourself anywhere instantly, where would you go and why?

UNPACKING THE GOSPEL

Grace sets Christianity apart from all other religions. The manner with which we have peace with God is not earned, but it is freely given by grace through faith in Jesus. No other life points to this fact more than the conversion of Saul to Paul. God took him from a destroyer of the church to the leader of the church.

Read Acts 8:1-3 and Acts 9:1-2

1) **What do these verses tell us about Saul?**

Answer: He was practically a terrorist with a mission to destroy God's family, the church.

2) **What would your response be if someone came after your family? How difficult would it be to choose grace over revenge?**

Read Acts 8:3-19

1) **God doesn't choose revenge, but chooses grace in light of Saul/Paul's sins. What does this tell us about God's grace? (Ask your group to discuss each fact about grace. Do they believe it? Do they have trouble embracing it? Why or why not, etc.)**

a. **Grace isn't Fair, it's Free:**

- Thankfully, God doesn't give Paul what he deserves. Equally as amazing he doesn't give us what we deserve.

b. **Grace goes First:**

- You don't earn God's grace. He pursues, initiates, interrupts and goes first. Don't give up hope if you don't see God at work- no sign in Saul.

c. **Grace is Personal**

- Grace does not invite you to adhere your behavior to a lifeless religion of rules, but to have a personal relationship with Jesus.

d. **Grace is More than an Emotional Moment. It is life changing!**

- The issue isn't time or emotion, but is your life changed by Jesus.

e. **Grace is given on Purpose, for a Purpose.**

- God has a reason to pour His grace out on you! You are a, "chosen instrument of God".

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE

1) **Your past doesn't disqualify you (Rom 8:28)! What areas of your past do you need to embrace God's grace and move forward? Confess and have your group pray for you!**

2) **God forgives you fully! Who do you need to forgive as He has forgiven you? Is it yourself?**