



MADE TO BE GRACIOUS

2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Ephesians 4:17-5:2

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If you were made to boast about this great small group, what are the special things God has allowed you to experience together? Why has he done this for you?

Dig In!

- Why does receiving great favour tempt us towards conceit? How can we remind ourselves that we never deserve grace?
- What's the grace side of your present trials? How can you view a "thorn in the flesh" as a blessing?
- How did you feel about this statement from the sermon: "Maybe the thing you should pray for is not ease, but a challenge"? Why accept a challenge from the Lord that exposes your weaknesses?
- Ephesians 4:17-5:2 highlights five areas for us to dispense grace. A quick check up is required: Truth embodied speech with care and concern? Anger controlled so that most stuff just rolls off your back? Work performed without short cuts? Encouragement delivered regularly through affirmation rather than criticism or gossip? Forgiveness granted so that matters are no longer brought up with the person, with others, or internally? WHAT MAKES THIS STUFF SO HARD FOR SOME PEOPLE TO DO?

Break Out!

- How might pride be limiting your graciousness with others? What gracious prayer can you offer on behalf of the people?
- What do you want God to do to help you dispense more grace to others?