



## BIG IDEA

God can redeem anything and everything in your life.

*"Most of us were taught that God would love us if and when we change. In fact, God loves you so that you can change. What empowers change, what makes you desirous of change is the experience of love. It is that inherent experience of love that becomes the engine of change."* **Richard Rohr**

God has extended his grace and gift of salvation to us. All we need to do is to accept and allow God to redeem the imperfections of our lives. What prevents us from allowing God to work in and through our lives? What prevents us from fully accepting His gift of grace in our lives?

Let's reflect on these questions and dig into scripture.

### **Colossians 1:6 (NLT)**

*<sup>6</sup>This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.*

### **Ephesians 4:14-16 (NLT)**

*<sup>14</sup>Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. <sup>15</sup>Instead, we will speak the truth in love, **growing in every way more and more like Christ**, who is the head of his body, the church. <sup>16</sup>He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.*

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Colossians 1:6. What (in your own words) is “the truth of God’s wonderful grace”? How should our understanding of God’s grace transform our lives?
2. We all have a starting point in our journey of faith. Please share about how God’s grace entered your life the first time and the impact that it had on your life?
3. Read Ephesians 4:14-16. What does it mean to spiritually “no longer be immature like children”? What are some child-like behaviors we need to get rid of as we mature in our faith?
4. What are some old habits, old ways of thinking or child-like behaviors that you are currently having a hard time getting rid of?
5. With a renewed understanding of God’s grace and the spiritual growth that comes from understanding the truth of God’s wonderful grace; *what is one practical step you can take this week* in living out a grace-filled life and mature in your walk with Christ? (What is one thing you can do to get rid of an old habit to deepen your walk with Christ?) *Make this your #Challengeoftheweek.*