



More Grace

James 4: 6-10

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Leaders: Don't feel pressured to get through every question during your group time. Our hope is that your group experiences honest conversation and goes deeper in God's Word—not that you finish the entire list. Feel free to choose the questions that best fit the needs of your group, and allow the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion.

1. How have you seen God working in your life or in the lives of others this week?
2. Read James 4:6–10 together.
(You may also read Matthew 18:1–4 and Luke 15:11–24 if time permits.)
3. What stood out to you most from the sermon or these passages? Why?
4. The sermon said, **“Humility means telling the truth about yourself.”** Paul asks, “What do you have that you did not receive?” (1 Corinthians 4:7).
What has God given you that you are especially grateful for, and how can remembering that help you live with greater humility?
5. James connects the command **“Submit yourselves to God”** with the promise **“He gives more grace.”**
How does seeing God as generous and gracious change the way you think about surrendering or submitting your life to Him?
6. The sermon used the burning bush as a picture of God’s presence: **“God burns without consuming.”** Peter’s courage, Paul’s intensity, and John Newton’s voice were not destroyed but redeemed.
What part of your personality, gifts, or desires might God want you to surrender so He can purify and redirect it rather than erase it?
7. The sermon said the devil preaches two sermons: before we sin, **“It is not a big deal,”** and afterward, **“There is no way home.”**
Which of these lies are you more tempted to believe, and how does the promise that God “gives more grace” speak against it?
8. Jesus said the prodigal son **“came to himself.”** The sermon argued that sin takes us away from who we were created to be, while repentance brings us back to reality.
What does the prodigal son’s return teach us about what sin does to us, what repentance looks like, and what God is like?
9. James promises, **“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you”** (James 4:8).
What is one area of your life you need to surrender to God this week, and what practical step can you take to draw near to Him in that area?

Reminders:

- **DK Teachers needed:** Do you have a heart for children and ministry? We are in need of DK Teachers and Crew, would love for you to serve on Sunday mornings as a **classroom teacher!** If this interests you, please email Shealey Sims at shealeys@harpethcc.com for more information! Training and Info meeting on **Sunday, August 23rd in Student Center.**
- **Safety Team:** **We are looking for a few additional men and women who have a heart to serve on our safety team ministry!** Team members participate in ongoing training, work closely together, and are committed to being prepared to respond wisely- should the need ever arise. Some members are licensed concealed carry holders, while others serve in non-firearm support roles. If you have a servant's heart, remain calm under pressure, and feel called to help protect our church family, we would love to talk with you. Contact **Nancy List** (nanlist429@gmail.com) for more information.
- **Digging Deep:** New Digging Deep class starts Friday, August 21, and runs through September 25! Join us as we study Christian Apologetics. Fridays from 6:30-8am in Room 117, Building C. Register below!



- **Fall Women's Wednesday Studies:** We have an AM and a PM class on Wednesdays this fall, studying *Elijah* by Priscilla Shirer! Classes run Sept. 16-Nov. 11. Childcare is provided for both classes, with prior registration. Register below and read more info by scanning the QR code!

