

## God's Amazing Grace

### June 26: God's grace is **RESURRECTING**

*But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.*

*-Ephesians 2:4-5*

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Outside of Christ, our sins leave us stone-cold dead. To try to find life on our own, we are tempted to view ourselves as either god-like (self-sufficient and, at the very least, better than the people around us) or as worthless (never good enough, trapped in our addictions and brokenness). Often we vacillate between the two extremes. Where do you see signs of this in your own life? In pop culture? Why do these lies always break down in the end?
2. What can dead people do to improve their situation? How can dead people win “brownie points” with God? Explain how your answers help you to understand I John 5:12—“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”
3. Neal Plantinga has written, “For the Christian church (even in its recently popular seeker services) to ignore, euphemize, or otherwise mute the lethal reality of sin is to cut the nerve of the gospel. For the sober truth is that without full disclosure on sin, the gospel of grace becomes impertinent, unnecessary, and finally uninteresting.” Explain how minimizing sin and its effects makes the gospel of grace “impertinent, unnecessary, and . . . uninteresting.”