

ANTHEM TRIBE TALKSHEET

GOD'S GRACE

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 2:1-10

" As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. 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. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of Godnot by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How does Ephesians 2:1-10 challenge our understanding of God's grace, and what does it reveal about God's love for us?
- Does it ever feel like you have to earn God's love?
 What do you think makes you feel that way?
- Share a personal experience where you felt the impact of God's grace in your life. How does that experience reflect the idea that grace is a display of God's love?
- Discuss practical ways we can respond to God's grace in our daily lives, knowing that it's not something we can earn but freely receive.