



- Embrace God's Grace -

Ice-Breaker:

- **Share a meaningful (or funny) story about a time that you tried hard to “follow the rules” but came up a little short of perfection.**

Discussion Questions:

Read Acts 13:1-15

1. The Bible tells us that the prophets prayed and fasted and then the Holy Spirit “said”. How do you think they heard the Holy Spirit? Why was the laying on of hands important?
2. This was Paul’s first missionary journey. How long did it last and how far did they go?
3. When they went to a new city, where did they go first? Why do you think they did this? Why was it important to them?

Read Acts 13:38-39 and Romans 3:20

4. Define grace.
5. In one sentence, describe the difference between law and grace.
6. Why do you think that Pastor Mike called the law “a spiritual MRI machine”?

Read Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 8:1-2 and Galatians 5:1

7. After reading these passages, fill in the blanks: God’s grace brings _____; _____; and _____.
8. Discuss how “Joy in Christ” can make us bolder in sharing the gospel with others.
9. What keeps us from sharing this message of grace more freely?

Application:

- **Are you living like someone under law (striving, burdened, guilty) or under grace (forgiven, free, joyful)?**
- **What’s one practical way this week you can REST IN GRACE instead of striving under law?**