

- Is Grace Risky? -

Ice-Breaker:

- Share a time when you were overconfident of your own abilities and jumped into something, and ultimately you made things worse.

Discussion:

1. **Read Ephesians 2:8-9; John 5:24; Romans 4:16.**
    - How do these verses support the fact that salvation is a free gift, and if you have ever placed your faith in Jesus you can be absolutely sure you'll never lose your salvation.
    - In what way have you seen people take advantage of God's free gift of salvation by grace?
2. **Read Romans 6:15-16.**
    - What is Paul's answer to people who say: "Since salvation is free, and we're promised forgiveness and heaven, why not just go out and sin to our hearts content, because we're not bound by the law any more"?
    - Bob Dylan once said: *'You're going to have to serve somebody. It may be the devil, it may be the Lord, but you're going to have to serve somebody.'* Discuss this quote in light of Romans 6:15-16.
    - Have you ever seen someone get so caught up in a sin, it ended up taking control of their life?
3. **Read Romans 6:18-23.**
    - The word death literally means "separation." And sin often leads to separation in our relationships with God and other people. Discuss what people typically think of when they hear the word "death," and how that differs from thinking of death as "separation."
    - Think of a time when you sinned against someone and experienced separation (death) in your relationship with them. Were you able to resolve the tension and renew your fellowship with them?
4. **Read Galatians 3:11-12; Romans 6:14**. Why is it so important to live under grace, by faith, and not under the law?

Personal Application:

- In prayer, ask God if you've treated His gift of forgiveness and eternal life with less than the value it deserves. If so, confess that to God and then take steps to be more grateful and obedient to Him.