

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS
“The Call to Extend Grace”
Philippians 2:1-11
Week of January 15, 2017

CENTRAL TRUTH: Having experienced God’s grace, we are now called to extend that grace to others.

GETTING STARTED

1. Do you agree with the statement that humans are naturally into performance? Can you give some examples of how this may be true in your own life?

TAKING IT HOME

2. In contrast to the paradigm of performance, we have the Gospel (The Gospel of grace). How does the Gospel of grace differ from the paradigm of performance?
3. Read Philippians 2:1-11. According to the passage, note some of the ways in which Jesus humbled himself and descended downward (climbed down from the ladder of achievement)?
4. What are some lessons we learn from Philippians 2:1-11 and Jesus’ example of climbing down the ladder? Hint: Think about it in terms of **1**) how it relates to you personally (climbing up vs. climbing down), and **2**) how it relates to others around us (building up vs. extending grace).
5. Why do you think it’s so important to experience and be reminded of God’s grace in our own lives on a daily basis?
6. What are some tangible ways in which you can extend grace to others this week and beyond?

PRAYER TOPICS FOR YOUR GROUP

- a) As we start 2017, pray that YNCC would be a place where we all experience God’s grace.
- b) Pray that we would take Jesus’ example of placing others before our own gain. That it’s not just about building our own kingdoms, but it will be about extending grace and advancing God’s kingdom first.
- c) And lastly, pray that whatever God has in store for us in 2017 as a church, we would have the boldness and the courage to step up and step out in faith.