

GOING DEEPER IN A GROUP OR WITH A PARTNER:

Gather with others to connect and learn together. Use the suggested template below and adjust based on your groups' preferences.

Opening "Community Time" Question:

How would you answer the question, "What was a favorite gift you have ever received?"

Get paper and a pen for this next time of reflection

Watch [5 Minute Bible Project Video](#)

Discussion Questions:

(pick whichever resonate with your group and you have time for)

- The Hebrew word for "gracious" in Exodus 34:6 is "khanun," which is related to the Hebrew noun "khen." This word, "khen," is often translated as "grace," but it can also be translated with words like "delight," "favor," "charm," or "beauty." People with wise, eloquent, or physically beautiful qualities naturally attract khen. Read Proverbs 1:8-9, 22:11, and 31:30 in a few translations. What do you notice about how your Bible translates the word "khen"? Discuss the different ways khen is used in these examples.
- Khen can also be used to communicate an act of generous favor. In these cases, the recipients of khen are usually undeserving or perceived as such, so translators use words like "mercy" or "plead" for khen or khanun. With this in mind, read Genesis 42:21, Esther 4:8, Ruth 2:10 before discussing how khen works in these examples.
- Let's look at more ways khen is used in the Bible. When undeserving people cry out for God to be khanun or gracious Psalms 4:1, Psalms 102:12-14 how does God consistently respond (e.g. Psalms 102:17-21, Isaiah 30:18-20)?
- God's consistent response of grace ultimately leads us to Jesus. So let's turn to the New Testament, where the Greek word "kharis" is often translated as "grace." Read John 1:14-17 aloud together in your group. How does Jesus fully embody God's glorious grace?
- When extraordinary gifts of grace are given, they cannot be experienced unless they are received.
- Ephesians 2:8-9 as well as 1 Peter 5:4-7 according to these passages, with what attitude do people receive God's gift of kharis?

Spiritual Practices

Dwelling in Worship

[Listen to this song](#) and write down the lyrics that are highlighted to you and share with the group after listening.

Threads of Grace Journaling

The Hebrew word for “gracious” is “khanun,” which is related to the Hebrew noun “khen.” This word, “khen,” is often translated as “grace,” but it can also be translated as “mercy”. This three step process helps us reflect on God’s grace in our lives.

Part 1 – Threads of grace in your life

- Get out a journal or a piece of paper.
- Think back over an overview timeline of your life.
- How have you seen God’s grace in your life?
- How were you at receiving that grace in each scenario?
- Was it a struggle? Did it come easily?
- Reflect on the response you had in each situation.
- Discuss with your table what this experience was like for you and share what you feel comfortable sharing.

Part 2 – Threads of grace with others

- Looking at your timeline.
- How have you shown grace to others in your life?
- When did you choose not to show grace when you could have?
- What was the result of the scenario when you did or didn’t show grace.
- Reflect on the response you had in each situation.
- Discuss with your table what this experience was like for you and share what you feel comfortable sharing.

Part 3 – Grace in your life today

- How is God showing you grace currently in your life?
- How might you choose to receive God’s grace in this season?
- Who is God calling you to show grace to currently in your life? (person, or perhaps a situation that involves more than one person)
- How might you intentionally show grace to others in this season without expecting anything in return?
- Discuss with your table what this experience was like for you and share what you feel comfortable sharing.