



FAITH

From “In the Beginning” to Amen – Come While It Is Still Called Today

Icebreaker: Happy End of Summer! Do you have plans for Labor Day?

Discuss:

- How have you seen evidence that “God Is Patient, But God Is Not Indifferent”?

Read Together: Ezekiel 12:22 (NLT) , Ezekiel 12:25 (NLT)

Discuss:

- Tell your group about any times you have felt like God’s word or promises would not happen.
- Talk about a time or two that you thought God’s delay in fulfillment may have been a denial of your request.

Read Together: 2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

Discuss:

- Knowing that Judgment is a certainty, how does your heart respond to the Lord and circumstances in our world/culture?
- Why does God delay judgement?
- What are some ways you have seen God’s mercy be greater than the rebellion of His people?

Discuss:

- What are some ways you have seen people treat Grace as God’s Approval of Rebellion?
- Since we don’t know the hour of His return, what is keeping you from repentance?
- How do you react to God wanting to transform you?
- Do you feel uncomfortable about going beyond forgiveness to a newness of heart?
- What does the phrase, “Grace Is Urgent” mean to your life?

Pray Together:

“Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves;
we repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For we do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so, to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.