

### **Grace Place Ministry Sheet**

This ministry sheet is a step by step guide for Grace Place Groups, Gatherings, and Churches. It can be used in a small group setting, adapted for larger groups, or used as a sermon outline for pastors and teachers.

#### **FELLOWSHIP & PRAISE REPORTS:**

Fellowship is an important part of Grace Place! Spend time fellowshipping and getting better acquainted with those attending. If it is just your family, spend this time listening to each other! Be sure to introduce any guest or first time attendees. Ask those attending to share a Praise Report of something good God has done during the week!

#### WORSHIP

Worship is at the heart of all Grace Place events. Worshipping together can be a wonderful experience for everyone! Use those in the Group, or Gathering, that are musically inclined to lead, or use a Grace Place Worship CD and simply sing along! Encourage all to participate in worship, either by singing, or simply enjoying a time of worship.



Symbols to help you with your Kingdom Life Bible Study:



Truths That Never Change concerning:

1. The work of God & Christ in securing the Birthright

2. The Birthright given to every Child of God

3. The work of God & Christ in the Earthlife of every Child of God



Truths about Everyday Living while here on Earth



Truths about the abundant results of applying your **Birthright** to your **Earthlife**.

### **GOD WORKS IN SPITE OF YOUR MISTAKES**

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**Purpose:** To know that God will work, in spite of your mistakes, to His Glory and to your benefit, if we are willing to let Him.

Scripture Verses: Acts 9:1-20

<u>Overview:</u> Saul, later called Paul, was a Jew that made the *mistake* of persecuting Christians. He was "breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord." He was zealous for God, but was not acting according to the true knowledge of God. Then he had an encounter with Jesus and his whole life was changed as he put his trust in Him. God is at work and wants to include you in His plan as one of His own. That includes taking your mistakes and turning them into blessings full of RICHES. Using the acronym **R-I-C-H-E-S**, let us see how God worked to His glory through Saul's mistake and blest him in spite of it.

#### **Points of Discussion:**

## Relationship

God wanted to have a *relationship* with Saul and now He was ready to invite him to be part of what He was doing.

Do you have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ? (John 3:16)

### **Invitation** (Read Acts 9:3-6)

God's *invitation* began with a great light from heaven shining around Saul. This was like an icebreaker, something to get his attention, then Jesus spoke.

- Has God done something recently, to get your attention?
- Could this be an invitation to join Him?

### Communication

God's *communication* with Saul was not all at once. He started with a little instruction, which was a lamp for his feet. Then in a vision, gave just enough light for his path to show the mistake he had made.

- Has God communicated with you about a mistake? How?
- Can you think of a mistake in your life that God used for good?

# Hardship (Read Acts 9:8-9)

Though Saul's eyes were open, he could not see a thing. This is a picture of his life up to this point. This *hardship* began a process of soul searching in his life. God was putting him in a position to experience the healing of his physical eyes and the opening of his spiritual eyes.

Have you ever experienced a hardship that opened your eyes to a blessing from God?

### Experience Read Acts 9:17-19

Saul experienced the healing of his eyes.

He *experienced* the filling of his empty stomach.

He experienced the filling of the Holy Spirit.

He *experienced* the fellowship of those he had planned to persecute.

Why do you think Saul experienced these blessings, that ultimately became riches in his life?

# Sharing Read Acts 9:20

Saul immediately began *sharing* in the synagogue, proclaiming that "*Jesus is the Son of God*." God worked in Saul's life, in spite of the mistake he had made, and it became life-changing for him as he became the Apostle Paul. His life would impact Believers during his day and the countless lives that have been changed through his writings.

• Is the message of Jesus Christ something you are willing to share with others?



# Kingdom Life Conclusion:

You can experience God in spite of all your mistakes, except for one; the mistake of not accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Jesus is the true Way, and the only Way for having a relationship with God and experiencing Him eternally and abundantly. Remember...

You cannot create a big enough mess that God can not handle it! This is something you can share immediately, just as Paul did!!!

#### PRAYER AND/OR MINISTRY TIME

Listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit and follow as He directs.

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