

# THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT YOU

## PART 8: GRACE

### INTRODUCTION

The most essential part of who you are is what you think about God. Your perceptions affect your relationships. Your perceptions about God...what you think about God...dictate the level of trust and intimacy you experience with God. This series will help clarify your perception of God.

### KEY QUOTE

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

--A.W. Tozer, The Knowledge of the Holy

### KEY SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:12

2 Peter 3:18

Romans 5:15

2 Corinthians 12:7-9

Ephesians 2:8-9

Hebrews 4:16

2 Corinthians 9:8

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a time when somebody did something good for you, or did you a favor, even though you didn't deserve it. What did they do? Why didn't you deserve it? How did it make you feel?
2. Pastor Will taught that when somebody becomes a Christian they are not going from irreligious to religious. They are going from dead to alive. We all deserve death because we all have a sin nature, but the undeserved gift of God is life. You can't earn it. It is a gift, available to anybody, regardless of achievements or lack of achievements. None of us deserve this gift, but we can receive it through faith in Jesus. Where do you struggle to really believe these truths?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 9:8. When and where do you feel insufficient? What keeps you from accessing God's grace? How would things look different for you where you feel insufficient if you could access God's grace?
4. Pastor Will taught that part of growing in God's grace is forgiving yourself...extending grace to yourself. How is the way you think about and see yourself different from the way God thinks about and sees you? (See 2 Corinthians 5:21)
5. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-9. Where is the thorn in your life?
6. God grace doesn't always remove thorns, but it does empower you to overcome them. What would it look like for you to overcome your thorn?
7. Read 2 Peter 3:18 & Hebrews 4:16. Are you growing in grace? How can you grow in grace this week?

### MOVING FORWARD

Application Prayer: Heavenly Father, I approach your throne of grace right now, with humility, asking for your grace to assist me in the area of my thorn. Though I entered this world with a sin nature, you entered this world to take it away...and it cost you everything. I receive your grace right now.