

### **NEXT STEPS:**

**CONNECT: Make a Grace List** ~ Spend some time alone writing down all the various ways you have experienced the grace of God in your life.

**ROW: Process:** Spend some time processing through the Reflection Questions with a Life Group, Spouse, or Friend.

**ERVE: Bless & Serve:** Bless someone in need of God's Grace that is currently in your daily life, Find a place to use your gifts to Serve Your Church

### **REFLECTION / LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS**

#### **Read Romans 12:1-8**

- How will you keep God's grace in view over the next week?
- Do you ever obey God out of fear? What would change if you obeyed him out of gratitude and desire to please him?
- Identify a way in which you regularly disobey God. How will you apply what you heard this Sunday to overcoming this area of sin in your life?
- How as this passage of scripture changed the way you view yourself?
- How has the passage changed the way you view God?
- How has the passage changed the way you view your church?
- How will you change the way you use your gifts in and for your church?



### **What's Happening at Wave Church SD?**

#### **Stay Connected Online, Subscribe to Wave's Podcast**

Let's be honest, our lives are busy! Jobs, kids, & responsibilities often take us away from our spiritual family at Wave. Just because you can't be at Wave on Sunday, does not mean you have to miss out on connecting to Jesus and His Church! Stay connected to Wave & Listen to Wave Sermons online! Visit the iTunes store and search for Wave Church SD

#### **Wave Weekly Newsletter**

Did you know Wave has a weekly digital newsletter? Get connected and join Wave's weekly newsletter by simply writing your name, email & "join newsletter" on your communication card and drop it in the communication card and offering box!

#### **Wave is on The Bible App**

Download and open the Bible App on any smartphone. Click "More" on the bottom of your screen. Click "Events" then click Wave Church SD! Here you will find this morning's Sermon outline, links to upcoming events, and more!

#### **Wave Women's Retreat Save the Date ~ Sept. 23-25**

Wave Women! We are so excited to offer our 2nd annual Women's Retreat! We are headed to Murrieta Hot Springs Conference Center for two nights. We will have a special guest speaker, Stephanie Kelly, to encourage and lead us in worship. Please Save the Date on your Calendars! Registration has begun. Cost \$200

## New Relationships: To God & The Church

Romans 12:1-8

### MY BELIEF ABOUT GOD DIRECTLY INFLUENCES HOW I WILL LIVE

#### What is my motivation for living the Christian life?

**Romans 12:1** *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

### THE ONLY SUFFICIENT MOTIVATION FOR LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS RADICAL GRACE

#### MOTIVATED BY FEAR

- > OUR MOTIVATION TO LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE WILL LOSE ITS POWER OVER TIME.
- > FEAR LEADS US TO BELIEVE GOD'S GRACE IS TEMPORARY & LIMITED.
- > FEAR MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO ENDURE SUFFERING & HARDSHIPS.

#### MOTIVATED BY GRACE

**Romans 12:1 (NLT)** *And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.*

### WHEN I LIVE MY LIFE FOCUSED ON GOD'S GRACE MY WORSHIP IS TRANSFORMED

**ROMANS 12:2** <sup>2</sup>*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

### WHEN I LIVE MY LIFE FOCUSED ON GOD'S GRACE MY THOUGHTS ARE TRANSFORMED

**Romans 12:3** <sup>3</sup>*For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.*

### WHEN I LIVE MY LIFE FOCUSED ON GOD'S GRACE MY SELF-IMAGE IS TRANSFORMED

**Romans 12:4-8** <sup>4</sup>*For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.*

### WHEN I LIVE MY LIFE FOCUSED ON GOD'S GRACE MY RELATIONSHIP TO GOD'S CHURCH IS TRANSFORMED