

# awakening grace

video discussion questions

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Use these discussion questions after watching the corresponding DVD sessions of *Awakening Grace*.

### **a foundation**

What stands out to you about this session?

How do you define grace?

How have you experienced God's grace in your life?

What does grace have to do with discipleship and spiritual growth?

Explore the metaphor of discipleship as a farm instead of a factory?

Looking ahead, what topics are you excited about exploring? Nervous about?

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

### **scripture**

What is the difference between formational and informational reading?

Is the spiritual practice of reading Scripture a regular part of your life? Why or why not?

How can you intentionally carve out space for this vital practice?

How has Scripture impacted your life?

Do you have a verse, passage, or story from Scripture that is special to you? Share with the group.

What is one challenge that you will take away from this session?

### **prayer**

What stands out to you about this session?

What is the purpose of prayer?

How is prayer a part of your daily rhythm?

What kind of impact does it have on your life?

Jesus teaches us to pray, "Our Father." How does this transform the practice of prayer?

Have you ever struggled with trusting God? If you are comfortable, share your story.

How has God proven his faithfulness to you through the practice of prayer?

## **worship**

What is worship?

What do we mean when we say that worship is response? Response to what?

What do we mean when we say that worship is reality?

Have you ever experienced a powerful moment of worship? Describe that experience.

Worship is more than a momentary emotional escape from the real world. It is the real world.

Discuss your thoughts on this.

How is the practice of worship a part of your daily rhythm of life?

How can you begin to see every move and every moment as an opportunity to worship?

## **mercy and justice**

What stands out to you about this session?

How are mercy and justice vital spiritual practices?

What do love and justice have to do with the active love of Jesus?

How is loving others a part of loving God?

What is the Great Commandment and what does it require of us?

What are examples of God's mercy and justice in Scripture and in history?

How can you demonstrate mercy and justice in your context this week?

## **sabbath**

What is the purpose of the Sabbath?

Do you practice it regularly?

If so, how? If not, why?

Do you need rest?

How does the history behind the practice inform its meaning today?

What does Sabbath tell us about our identity?

How can you carve out intentional time for Sabbath in your regular schedule?

## **creation care**

What strikes you about this session?

What is creation care? And why is it a spiritual practice?

What does Scripture teach us about creation?

In light of that, how should we live in relationship with creation?

Has God ever used the beauty of his creation to speak to your soul? Share your story.

How will you respond to the challenge of this session? Give specific examples.

## **covenant friendship**

What stands out to you about this session?

What is covenant friendship and why is it a vital spiritual practice?

How does it reflect a core part of our biblical theology?

How have you experienced this in your own life?

## **generosity**

What stands out to you about this session?

How do you define generosity?

Why is money such a sensitive subject in the church?

Why does Jesus speak so frequently about our relationship to money?

The early church was known for courageous generosity. Is your local church known for the same?

Are you?

What does it mean to be good stewards of your resources?

## **creative expression**

What stands out to you about this session?

How is creative expression a spiritual practice that transforms the soul?

What are your passions? What do you love to do?

What are your gifts? What are you naturally good at?

Where do you see your passions and gifts converge and overlap?

How can you use your gifts and passions to express your love for God and God's love for the world?