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3. Grace Means *Do Your _____ and God Will Do the _____*
4. Grace Means God _____ His Standards

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To love others like Jesus, to serve Him wholeheartedly, to be generous, to share Jesus with others takes effort; but effort _____ by grace (note **Ephesians 2:10**; **Philippians 2:12-13**).

Grace allows us to look at our entire life after we say 'YES!' to Jesus as Lord as a _____ note to Jesus...

6. Grace Means _____ People are the Recipients

Misconception = God loves _____ people rather than that God's love makes people _____.

Note **Luke 10:25-29**; **18:18-27**; **Philippians 3:3b-11**

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

Would you rather talk like Yoda, or breathe like Darth Vader?

1. Try and put your own confusion about grace into words. What would you get stuck on if you were explaining grace to someone else?
2. The Law vs. Grace. How does Jesus fulfilling the Law show that God has not, in fact, lowered His standards but continues to expect perfection? (**Galatians 3:1-4, Mark 12:28-31**)
3. Read **Ephesians 2:8-10**. Willard said, "Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning." How do you stay out of the earning column as you do good, authentic things you know will make Jesus happy? (**Philippians 2:12-13**)
4. "I have to get my life together, then maybe God will love me." Sound familiar? How do these passages flip this misconception on its head? (**Philippians 3:3b-11, 2 Corinthians 3:18**)
5. Why can grace seem too easy to believe, making us doubt if it's enough vs. doing the "hard work" of following the law...God's or other's?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day One: Matthew 15; Psalm 104

Day Two: Leviticus 14; Proverbs 11

Day Three: 1 Corinthians 10; 2 Samuel 24

Day Four: 1 John 4; Jeremiah 38

Day Five: Job 42; Acts 20

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