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.

KINGDOM LIFE BIBLE STUDY
Symbols to help you with your Kingdom Life Bible Study:

- EARTH LIFE
  Truths for everyday living, while here on earth.

- BIRTHRIGHT
  Truths that never change about...
  1. The work of God & Christ in securing the Birthright
  2. The Birthright given to every Child of God

- KINGDOM LIFE
  As you walk in your EARTH LIFE, and apply your BIRTHRIGHT, you will experience KINGDOM LIFE!

EXPERIENCING GOD’S FAVOR!
By Gary Lanier

Purpose: ♛ To understand more about God’s grace, that He has already given to His children! ♛ How to experience God’s favor in this lifetime!

Scripture Verses: 2 Corinthians 12:9
And He said to me, ♛ "My grace is sufficient for you, for ♛ My strength is made perfect in weakness." ♛ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, ♛ that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Overview:
According to Strong’s Concordance, the definition of GRACE is, “The favor of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting His holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues.” With this in mind, using the acronym G-R-A-C-E, let us look at a few facets of His favor, and how it applies to us now.

Gifts of God’s Favor.
♛ A gift is something given without a required payment. God has given us gifts for service. Romans 2:11 says, For there is no partiality with God. He is not partial in how he distributes Spiritual Gifts among His children, but He is wise and knows
who can handle what.

- Read Romans 12:6-8. When you use the gifts God has given you, what are some benefits you will receive?

**Redemption of God’s Favor**

 Redemption is a release effected by payment of ransom. We have been released of what was owed because of our sin, and Jesus was the ransom. We now have God’s favor, because we have been redeemed, which opens the door to His eternal favor.

- Read Romans 3:24. What should we as Christian’s experience, knowing that God has forgiven us all our sins?
- Because we have been forgiven, how much more should we forgive, whether it is asked for or not?

**Abundance of God’s Favor**

 Prosperity is a by-product of God’s favor, when we follow His advice.

- Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. What 5 things does Paul share, to experience God’s abundance?
- According to these verses, how will God’s abundant favor be seen?

**Comfort of God’s Favor**

 There are many ways to experience the favor of God’s comfort. One of the most important is to go to Him in prayer.

- Read Hebrews 4:16. In order to experience God’s grace and comfort, what does this scripture say to do?
- How does going to God’s throne of grace give you comfort?

**Encouragement of God’s Favor**

 God’s Word is full of encouragement, and it is always there to meditate on.

- Read Acts 20:32. What scriptures help build you up and give encouragement?

**Kingdom Life Conclusion:**

We, the children of God, have His unmerited favor. How privileged we are. He has favored us with gifts for service, redemption through His Son, and abundance to be enjoyed, which funds the ministries He has appointed us to do. As His children, we are comforted by being able to boldly come to His throne of grace for help, and are continually encouraged by His words of favor that are found in the Bible. Now, let us go and reflect His grace, by showing favor to those around us.

**PRAYER AND/OR MINISTRY TIME**

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