



Enough is our Concordia University Texas theme for the 2023-2024 academic year.

### CONNECT

*with self and others:*

1. What would you do if someone gave you a hundred-dollar bill? No reason, they are just giving you money.
2. What is the biggest, boldest, and best gift you have ever received? How did it make you feel?
3. What is the biggest, boldest, and best gift you have ever given someone? How did it make you feel to give it?

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### ENGAGE

*the Word.*

My pastor tried to hand me a hundred-dollar bill the other week at church. I sat there staring at it unwilling to receive the gift by not opening my hands for him to set it, and not taking the bill out of his hands. He told me "This is for you," and even went on to explain, "you are a college student; you probably need the money." But I still refused to receive his gift. It would have been so easy to receive as he was freely offering it to me. Eventually, my pastor gave up and set the bill on my notebook that was open in front of me. I went home a hundred dollars richer.

We are like this with God. God gave us His grace as a present in the form of His Son, Jesus. He sent His Son down to die for our sins in a painful death, and Jesus rose again in victory over all our sins. Because of Jesus' death, God freely offers us grace. Sometimes we are so stubborn that we are unwilling to receive a gift. If we would just be open to receiving His grace that he so freely offers, we would be able to live in that forgiveness of our sins.

**READ**  
Ephesians: 2:8



For it is by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

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QUESTIONS:

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2. How hard is it to accept grace? What keeps us from receiving that grace given by God?
3. How can we extend grace to others, just as God extended grace to us?

DIG DEEPER:

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Ephesians 2:1-10 and answer these questions.

- 1. Look at verses 2-5. What does it mean to be dead in our trespasses?
2. How would you describe God from this passage?

SHARE:

apply to your life.

- 3. How are you learning to live in grace by God through Christ?

LOOK UP

How are these verses related to the idea that "Grace is a present?"

John 1:14; Romans 6:14, Hebrews 4:16

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for this time together. Lord, we don't always receive Your grace freely. Forgive us for the times when we have thought we can do things on our own away from Your grace. Remind us of Your amazing grace through Your life, death, and resurrection. Give us the assurance of Your grace in our lives to share it with those around us. In Your Name, Amen.

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