# Ascending The Mountain

## Session 6: Gracious

## **Intro Questions:**

- Who is someone in your life that you would describe as "gracious," and why?
- What does it mean that God is gracious?

#### Scripture:

Read Exodus 34:6-7, saying "Yahweh" when you see "LORD" in all caps.

Last time, we talked about "compassion," which is a <u>feelings</u> word. This week, we are talking about "gracious," which is an action word.

Watch the Bible Project video on God's Grace.

- He describes grace as "a gift given in delight." What does that mean to you?
- From the video, what examples from the scriptures do you remember about when God shows grace to people?

#### Read Isaiah 30:18-19

- What do you think about the idea that God longs to be gracious to you?
- Do you believe that God is *inclined* to give favor to you? Explain.
- How does someone's life look different when they genuinely believe that God's favor is inclined towards them?
- God longs to be gracious to you. What is He waiting for?
- What does it look like for us to 'cry out for help'?

#### Read Matthew 7:9-11

- What do these verses say about God's gift-giving (His grace)?
- What kind of gifts do you think your heavenly Father desires to give to you?

#### Read Ephesians 2:1-10

- How does this passage describe God's grace?
- Based on this passage, what are the effects of God's grace in our lives?

## Read John 8:1-11

How does Jesus embody the grace of Yahweh here?

## Reflection:

- What does your relationship with God say you believe about His grace?
- In what ways have you personally wrestled with the grace of God?
- Why do you think God desires to give grace to you?

- Who are people in your life that withheld grace from you?
- What do you think would change about your walk with God if you understood that he longs to be gracious to you?
- Lastly, read Exodus 34:6-7, saying "Yahweh" when you see "LORD" in all caps.