LBCOC Small Groups 2022-2023

***Transforming Grace* by Jerry Bridges**

**Chapter 2 – “Grace—Who Needs It?”**

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Relate an experience that made you keenly aware of your spiritual “bankruptcy” apart from Christ.
2. Regarding your salvation and sanctification – what’s the difference between believing that you have *some* money (but not enough) versus knowing that you don’t have any money.
3. What do you learn from Isaiah 55:1 about salvation, grace, and the sinner?
4. Read Luke 18:9-14 and answer the following questions:
5. What is Christ’s purpose behind telling this parable (v. 9)?
6. How does trusting in yourself and viewing others with contempt go together?
7. Compare the Pharisee with the tax collector. Be specific in describing their differences from each other.
8. What do the following verses teach about our sinfulness – Isaiah 53:6 and Psalm 51:5?
9. What does it mean that God doesn’t withdraw His grace from us because of our demerits? Doesn’t this open us up to flagrantly sinning against God – because we know His grace will always be with us? What is Paul’s response to such an objection in Romans 6:1-4?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. In what ways are you tempted to re-name certain sins (p. 19)? Why do you think we do this?
2. In what ways are you tempted to and sin in self-righteousness? Please be specific in your response.