

What's So Amazing About Grace?, by Philip Yancey

Length: 10 weeks (one hour or less)

Includes: VHS tape, and leader and participant guides; book can be purchased if class wants to read as part of study

Grace is the church's great distinctive. It's the one thing the world cannot duplicate, and the one thing it craves above all else---for only grace can bring hope and transformation to a jaded world. In this study, Yancey explores grace at the street level, as he does as well as anyone. If grace is God's love for the undeserving, then what does it look like in action? And if Christians are its sole dispensers, then how are we doing at lavishing grace on a world that knows far more of cruelty and unforgiveness than it does of mercy? Yancey sets grace in the midst of life's stark images, tests its mettle against horrific "ungrace". Grace does not excuse sin, but it treasures the sinner. True grace is shocking, scandalous. It shakes our conventions with its insistence on getting close to sinners and touching them with mercy and hope.