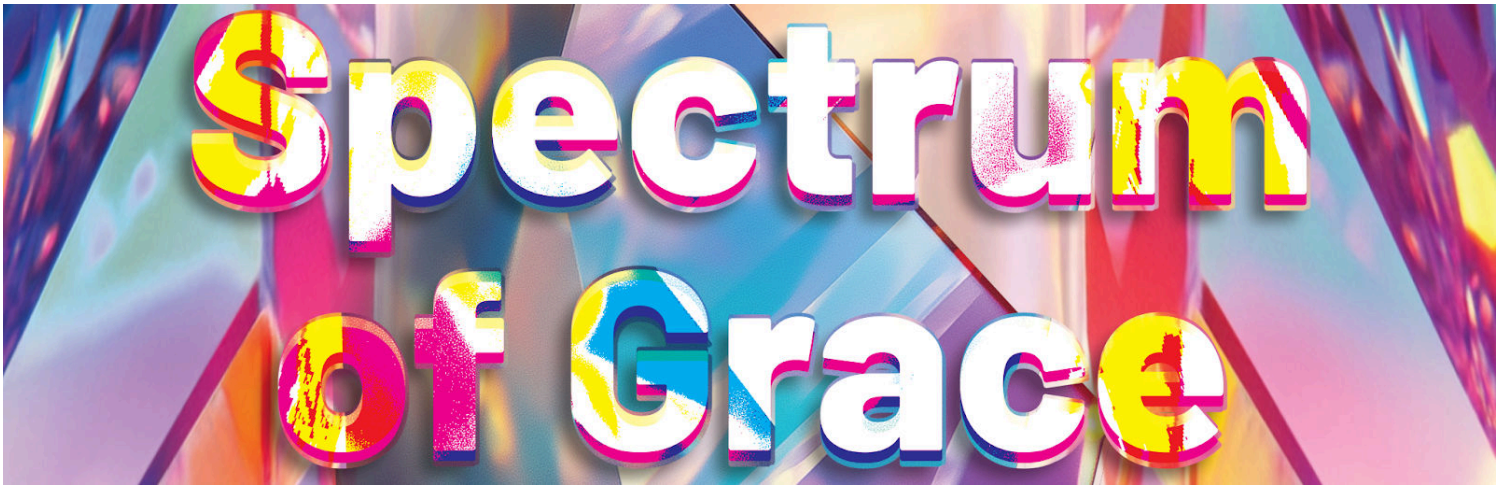


Week of May 4, 2025 - More than Meets the Eye Small Group Lesson 2

Connect

The title of the message is "More than Meets the Eye." Share something you learned about the Lord that seemed ordinary at first glance, but turned out to be much deeper or surprising once you learned more about it.

Verses - Ephesians 1:7-10 (NKJV)

Read aloud:

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth--in Him.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. In v.7, Paul used the word "redemption" carefully. How would this word help Paul speak effectively to both Greek people and Jewish people back then?

2. Paul connects God's grace with "wisdom and understanding." (v.8) How did God use both grace and wisdom/understanding when He created the world, and now uses them to save it?

3. Paul mentions a "mystery of His will." (v.9) What is the special secret plan God revealed about the future? (v.10)

Share

Discuss 1:
Pastor Jesse suggested that it is necessary to share a simple gospel with children. Why is this simple message effective enough towards both kids and grown-ups to be saved? However, when might it be important to dig deeper, especially for grown-ups?

Discuss 2:
Why is it important to adapt (contextualize) how we share the gospel message for different people? And what are the most important core truths of the gospel that we must always keep the same, no matter who we are talking to?

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.