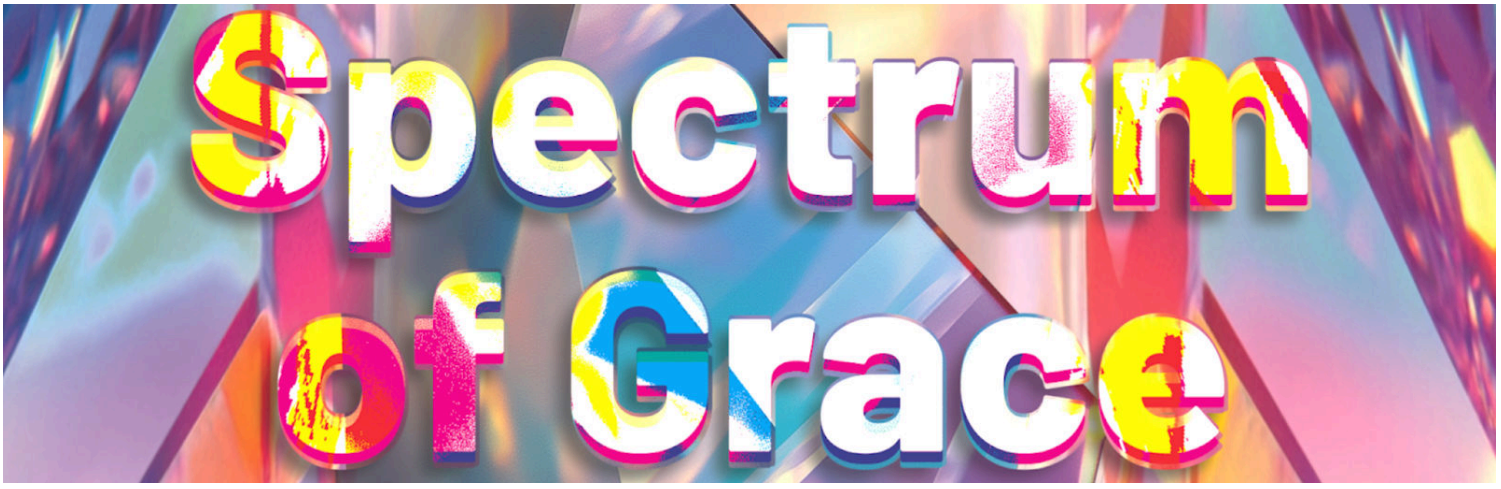


Week of January 4, 2026 - See What It Takes | Small Group Lesson 10

Connect

Share a time in your life (silly or serious) when you had to go "all out" to get something done. What corners did you cut? What motivated you? How did it turn out?

Verses - Ephesians 4:7-13 (NKJV)

Read aloud:

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.
8 Therefore He says:

"When He ascended on high,
He led captivity captive,
And gave gifts to men."

9 (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

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

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. Paul quotes Psalm 68 to describe Jesus as King. According to the text, what two things did Jesus do upon His ascension? (v.8) Read Psalm 68:18. What is missing and how does that detail connect? (Ephesians 3:20-21)

2. Read v.11. What are the four positions mentioned? How do they function today? (What modern names might we call them?)

3. Who are those doing the ministry? What should they be doing (v.12b) and what is their ultimate goal? (v.13)

Share

Discuss 1:
Pastor Jesse shared a story about his day off being constantly interrupted to help his sons. He realized he had a choice: he could complain or he could use that time for bonding and edification. Think about a time you experienced something similar. How can we practice the "Whatever It Takes" attitude in frustrating moments like this? How is it liberating when we do?

Discuss 2:
Do you feel called by God to serve in a specific ministry? What do you believe is necessary to be equipped to fulfill that calling? What is the next step for you to answer the call? How can your group pray for you?

Minister to one another through PRAYER sharing specific prayer requests.