**Hope Presbyterian Church**

**Sermon-Based Bible Study Group**

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**November 10, 2024**

**“Grace ”** - #4 in the series *You Belong: The Great Invitation of the Gospel*

**Texts Referenced (NIV)**: Ephesians 2:1-10, Romans 6:1-2

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. Think about a time when you’ve transitioned to another level, status, or situation (e.g., the next grade in school, graduation, a promotion at work, parenthood, retirement, diagnosis or remission of a severe medical condition, etc.).
   * How did the experience impact how you viewed yourself or your outlook on life?

3. **Read Ephesians 2:1-3.**

* + What does it mean to be “dead in your transgressions and sins”?
  + Why do you think Paul chose this harsh description to remind the Ephesians of their former status?

4. **Read Ephesians 2:4-5**.

* + Why is it often difficult to accept the concept of God’s grace?
    - By the same token, why is it easy to forget how grace can transform our lives?
  + What experiences or relationships help remind you of God’s grace?

5. **Read Ephesians 2:8-10**

God’s grace saves us for something.

* + Have there been purposes for which you feel God has saved you?
    - What did those experiences teach you about yourself and your faith?

6. **Read Romans 6:1-2.**

* + What role does grace play in helping people feel like they belong?
  + At Hope, how do we help people feel they belong?
    - What more could we do?

7.How can we pray for you?