

Witness: Learning to Share Your Christian Faith

Lesson Plan

Trail Three, Session 12 = Spirit of Amazing Grace

(Plan for a short refreshment break at some point)

References:

Trail Guide for Leaders	Page 210
Trail Guide for Hikers	Page 91

1. Prayer:

- a. Open with reading the prayer on page 91.

2. Trail Talk:

- a. Why do bad things happen to good people? Why do good things happen to bad people? Can grace be discovered even in suffering?
- b. Q2 (page 91) What grace can you glean from these passages?

3. The Spirit of Grace Before Salvation (Prevenient Grace):

- a. What are some memories you have of how God's Spirit was wooing you into a relationship with Christ, even before you understood all that was happening?
- b. What does the phrase "The Hound of Heaven" mean to you?
- c. Q4 (page 93) and Q5 (page 93)
- d. When were you last an instrument of God's grace?

4. The Spirit of Grace In Salvation (Justifying Grace):

- a. Read John Wesley's story on page 93. How was grace active in the life of Wesley at this point?
- b. Q6 (page 94) Can you remember when you first trust in Christ alone for salvation (when your heart was lovingly warmed)?

5. Thy Spirit of Grace for Full Salvation (Sanctifying Grace):

- a. Wesley's question was "Are you going on to perfection? (i.e. sanctification)

- b. To be a saint means being “holy and set apart”.
- c. What are we “saved” from? What are we “saved” for?
- d. How does the cross remind us of grace? If someone were to ask you why the cross is so important to Christians, what would you answer?

6. Moving On:

- a. Review what we have covered this week.
- b. Assignments for Next Week
 - (1). Reading Assignment:
 - (a) As you read the chapter for next week (pages 99-106 underline or highlight special thoughts and answer the questions in the Q boxes.
 - (b) Complete the daily Bible readings and place your reflections, questions and insights.
 - c. Action Assignment:
 - (1) Complete the Action Assignment on page 97.

8. Closing Prayer

9. Closing Word: “See you on the path!”