

WELCOME (15 minutes)

- **Ice Breaker:** Who is your pick to win the Super Bowl? **OR**, tell what you plan to be doing instead of watching the Super Bowl?

WORSHIP (10 minutes)

- John Newton, the converted slave-owner, once said: "I know two great truths--One, I am a great sinner, and Two, Jesus is a great Savior."
- The Gospel tells us that all humans are more sinful than they would ever dare admit, but also more deeply loved than they could ever dare imagine!
- Sing "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" by Chris Tomlin. Lyrics on the back.

WIN (15 minutes)

- **PRAY** for people you as a group are seeking to come to know Jesus as Savior.
- **PLAN** something fun to do together that you can invite these people to!

WORD (25 minutes)

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-2. Apart from regularly hearing and meditating on the Gospel, Christian living can easily degenerate into legalism, into moralism, into performance-based religion like the Pharisees practiced. How have you ever seen this happen with you and others?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. Being gospel-driven means believing that everything in our lives has a connection to what happened at Calvary 2,000 years ago, and the empty tomb! How do we keep this reality ever in front of us and the daily decisions we make?
3. What are the things you are regularly tempted to base your identity on other than who you are in Christ?
4. Read Colossians 1:5-6. The Gospel is not "Behave!" but "Behold!" Not "DO!" but "DONE. Finished!" Not "Try to do better!" but "Repent and Trust in Jesus." Not "You'd better perform or you won't be accepted" but "Jesus perfectly performed FOR you, so in Him you ARE accepted." How do we make sure the gospel is fueling our obedience to Christ rather than just being religious rule-keeping?
5. Read Romans 1:16-17. What might you need to confess to allowing (or being tempted to allow) to crowd out the gospel as the main thing in your heart?

WORKS (25 minutes)

- Break into smaller groups of **2 or 3's of the same gender** to pray for each other.

Remember the **CONFIDENT** Campaign over the book of First John begins **NEXT SUNDAY, Feb 2**. Be sure to get a copy of the daily devotional and be ready to begin!

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” by Chris Tomlin

[Verse 1]

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

[Verse 2]

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

[Chorus]

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

[Verse 3]

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

[Chorus]

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[Verse 4]

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

[Chorus]

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[Outro]

Praise God, praise God
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