

GOD'S GRACE YOUR RESPONSE

A relationship exists between a person's experience of God's grace and their participation in acts of justice, mercy, and compassion. This connection reflects an often neglected principle of scripture that Timothy Keller's book, *Generous Justice*, seeks to embed in the hearts and minds of Jesus' followers and restore to the life of the Church. Jesus offers us redemption through the gift of grace. Yet, receiving this gift is only the beginning of what it means to follow Him. Jesus himself puts it like this, "Freely you have received; now, freely give" (Matthew 10:8). Once we are redeemed by grace, Jesus commands us to live graciously.

In this six-session small group Bible study, you will explore the depths of God's grace and wrestle with the biblical call to respond. What are the Old Testament foundations of justice, mercy and compassion? What does Jesus have to say about these things? How does the Bible call me to relate to others in my community? Why should we engage in acts of justice and compassion? How do we engage in these acts effectively? *In essence, what does God say about our responsibility for the least, the last, and the lost?*

This study guide will help you gain insight into these questions and move you toward action as a group and individually. It is designed to be used alongside Timothy Keller's book, *Generous Justice*, and the Williamsburg Community Chapel pastoral team's video series on the same topic.

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