

## CELL GROUP DISCUSSION STARTERS

### OPENING QUESTION

1. Read Matthew 28:19-20. The bible tells us to go, make disciples, baptise and teach. Using this commission given by Christ, evaluate our effectiveness as a church (and as individuals).

OR

2. How would you define grace?  
(leader: choose whichever question will better suit your group)

### CONTENT EXPLANATION

3. Why is it important to see the gospel as a framework / worldview not just a 'minimal set of beliefs' to enter the Kingdom of God?
4. How is the gospel worldview different from the moralistic worldview of all other religions?  
(leader: this question will inevitably send you into the next couple of questions.)
5. We are saved by grace because the gospel is new about what Jesus has done and not primarily advice about how to live. What does this say about:
  - a. the importance of the historical record of Christianity?
  - b. the importance of the historical record in other religions?
6. Why is it important that the word 'primarily' is in the above statement? Tease out the implications of this tension.
7. We are saved by grace because the gospel is a status you receive now not primarily a reward you receive later. Look at 2 Corinthians 5:21 to understand our status before God.  
Also see: Rom 3:20, 27-28; 5:1 Gal 2:16
8. Why can it not be true that 'we enter the kingdom of God by grace by have to keep ourselves in the kingdom'?
9. Until you believe that you are a sinner saved utterly by grace, all the good things you do you do for yourself and not for God. What does this mean? How does it apply to you?

### CONTENT APPLICATION

10. Until you believe that you are a sinner saved utterly by grace, all the good things you do you do for yourself and not for God. What does this mean? How does it apply to you and what you are doing for God?

