

# GROWING IN FAITH



## Key Verse:

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”  
– John 10:10

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”  
–Romans 15:13

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— **9** not by works, so that no one can boast. **10** For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”  
–Ephesians 2:8-10

## GOING DEEPER

Grace is the presence of God and the power of God at work in the world?

What comfort does it bring you, when you think about the definition of grace?

John Wesley writes, “ The plain Scriptural notion of justification is pardon, the forgiveness of sins...And from the time we are ‘accepted through the Beloved’, ‘reconciled to God through his blood’, he loves and blesses and watches over us for good,’ even as if we had never sinned.”

How important is forgiveness to the Christian faith? How has forgiveness made a difference in your life?

At the center of the journey of grace is answering the question, “Who am I?”

How do you answer this question? Wife, husband, mother, father, son, daughter, work title.

Answer: “Child of God”

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!” – 1 John 3:1

What does it mean to you to be called a child of God? How does that title define how you act, think and live in the world?

When you think about the people around you do you see the as, “Children of God?” How might thinking of others as God’s children change how you interact with them?