

## **DISCUSSION:**

Discuss the question cluster below

(As much or as little as works for your group and in any order you like)

\*Feel free to break off into smaller groups if it helps you share more personally\*

We're continuing a sermon series from the first half of the book of Ephesians called, "Grace and Peace" In it we're looking at the Apostle Paul's letter, written as a reminder to a church helped plant (in Ephesus) about the heart of the faith, so the church could press on it. Paul's summary of the heart of the faith comes out in the opening verses of chapter. It's (v.2) "Grace and Peace." That's the heart of the faith Paul wants them to remember. Our hope is that through this series we would have more of both in our lives *and* that we would show more of both to those around us.

I. **This week, we looked at Eph. 3:1-13 and how Paul further explores what grace & peace do in our lives. We saw that, mysteriously, grace and peace go much further than we expect – all the way to unlikely and undeserving people. But grace and peace also dignify us when they find us out there (as unlikely and undeserving) by giving us a part to play in sharing grace and peace with others. That sharing, though, will often mean grace and peace lead us into conflict and suffering in places where grace and peace are not welcome. That's where sharing grace and peace led Jesus (the cross), but because of what he did there, we now have access in confidence and boldness to God even while we face hardship in sharing grace and peace. Let's discuss how these things impact our lives.**

- A. What connected with you from the sermon or from the passage?
- B. Share about a memory you have of feeling like an 'outsider.'
- C. What does it mean to you personally, when you think about the feeling of being an outsider, that the grace and peace of Jesus go looking for outsiders?
  1. *How does that change the way you think about showing grace and peace to people you might see as 'outsiders' or 'undeserving' right now (a.k.a. whomever you might think of as 'those people' or 'people who do \_\_\_\_\_')?*
- D. If you think about a church that was full of 'outsiders' and the 'undeserving' - what words come to mind? What does that church look like? Sound like? Do or not do? Worry or not worry about?
  1. *Does CTK look like that?*
  2. *What would be different if we looked more like that?*