

# THE GRACE OF GOD

AMAZING GRACE

## BIBLE STUDY



### STARTER:

*'I was delivered from the burden that had so heavily suppressed me. The spirit of mourning was taken from me, and I knew what it was to truly rejoice in God my Saviour' (George Whitfield).*

This response to God's grace is one that is reflected in the Psalm we will look at today.

Do you find it easy to be grateful to God?

When do we lose sight of what he has done for us?

A photograph of a waterfall with the text "THIS IS AMAZING GRACE" overlaid in colorful, multi-colored letters. The waterfall is dark and flows over rocks, with white water at the bottom. The background is a bright, overcast sky.

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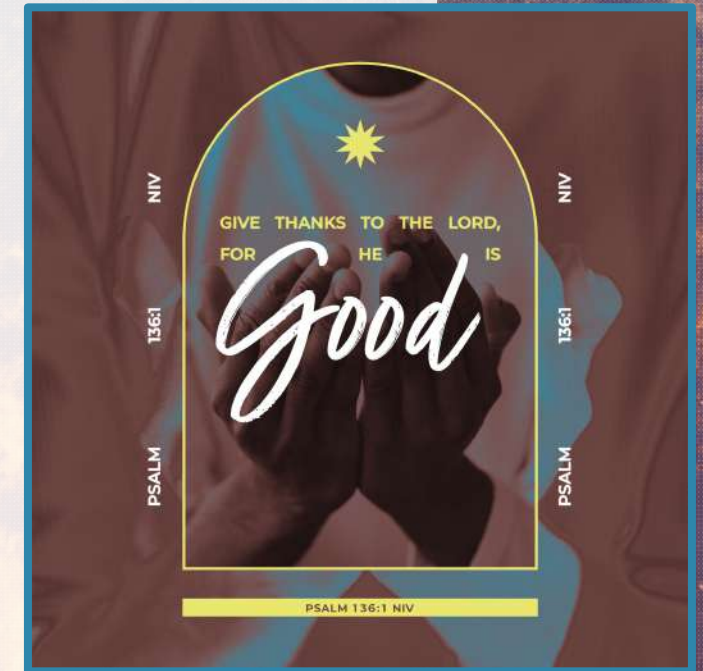
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### Read Psalm 136

- Look at the verses starting and ending the Psalm. What perspective do you think the Psalmist intends these verses to give as they bookend the Psalm?
- Why do you think it's so important for the Psalmist to remind the people of Israel to give thanks?
  - *Why is it important to us as a church family to give thanks?*
  - *What are some of the ways we do so?*

- The Psalmist remembers God's goodness in three different ways. Find examples of:
  - Who God is
  - What God made
  - How God saves
- Our tendency is to look at God's love from a human perspective. As we spend time reading our Bibles and applying what we learn to our lives, we will see how different God's love is from human love. What picture does this Psalm give us of God's covenant love?
- How does the Psalmist's recollection of God's loving-kindness shape his praise? How can we use this Psalm as a model for our prayers – as individuals and as a home group?



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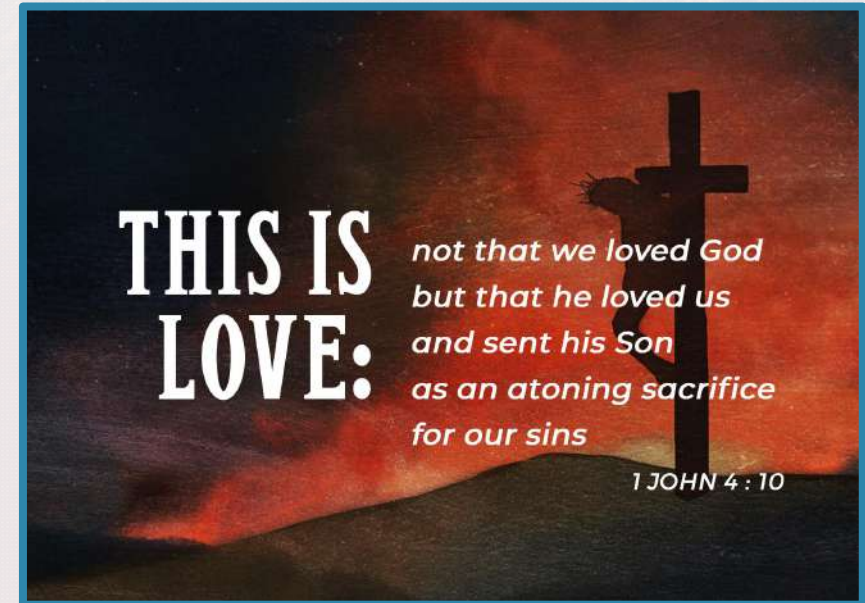
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### 'HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER' ... A WHOLE-LIFE RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR FATHER

- The Psalmist recalls tough times as well as times when it's natural to give thanks. He sees God as the one who walks alongside us through everything we go through.
- How can an awareness of God's grace move our hearts, whether things are going well or badly?
- How can your home group encourage someone who is going through a very tough time and is unable to thank God in it?
- Our verse of the year (**1 John 4 :10**) reminds us of God's love. How does it help us that our God became a human and faced the same difficulties as us?
- Look at **verses 23-24** of **Psalm 136**. How is the cross the ultimate demonstration of God's love?



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**PRAY**

As we come to the end of these studies on God's grace, reflect about what you have learned and where you have been encouraged to push deeper in understanding. Spend time thanking God for his goodness and love. Ask him to learn how to let grace impact your life so that it fills with gratitude.

You may like to begin to keep a prayer diary for 2023, which will help you to record prayers and answers to prayer. This is a great way to see God's loving-kindness at work in our lives.

