**Thankful for Grace - 11/25 Discussion Questions**

Psalm 103

***Review***

**3 Merciful Subtractions**

1. ***Suffering for sin*** (1,3,12) - removed by the Suffering Servant (Rom. 3:24-26)
2. ***Slavery to sin*** (4) - released by the Blood of the Redeemer (Rom. 8:2-3)
3. ***Separation in sin*** (9-10) - replaced by the Forsaken Son (Matt. 27:46)

**4 Gracious Additions**

1. ***Healing***, a new creation! (3, 5; 2 Cor. 5:17)
2. ***Happiness***, a new capacity! (2-4; 11; Jer. 31:33)
3. ***Wholeness***, a new condition! (17b; Ezek. 36:26 )
4. ***Hope***, a new confidence! (6,19; Rev. 21:3-5)

*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,**give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”* 1 Thess. 5:16-18

***Connect***

1. What is the best gift you’ve ever been given? What made it so special to you?
2. What helped you realize that God’s grace was a gift - not something you had to earn?

***Read Psalm 103***

***Discuss***

1. Why do you think David starts and ends the Psalm with worship? How does this opening and closing speak to you?
2. Of “all his benefits” (v. 2-7) which one feels most meaningful and personal to you right now?
3. How does God’s character express itself in our lives (v. 6-14)?
4. Why does David contrast our condition with God’s (v. 14-19)?

***Apply***

1. How has it helped you to be reminded of God’s mercy these last two weeks?
2. How are you moved by God’s grace to you right now?

***Pray***

1. How can we pray for you this week?
2. Let’s spend some time this week praising God for who He is and thanking Him for all He has done for us!