



### **Part One: In The Beginning There Was Grace**

This series is all about the one thing that we all want and need ... Grace. Often times we think that the study of grace should begin in the gospel of Matthew with the birth of Jesus. However, a careful reading of the Old Testament reveals grace to be God's character from the very beginning.

#### **Scripture: Genesis 1 NIV**

**Bottom Line:** Christianity is not about what you can earn, it's about what is offered.

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. List the attributes of God that come to mind when you think about the:
  - Old Testament
  - New Testament
2. How would you describe grace to someone?
3. How do you often view Genesis 1-2? How do these chapters actually demonstrate God's grace toward humankind?
4. "God declared each phase of creation good because it was good for us" – Does this surprise you? Describe a time in your daily life when God's creation blesses you.
5. As you think about God, do you usually assume he expects a lot of you and gives you a little OR gives you a lot and expects a little? How does this affect the way you pray to him?