



### Part 3: Joyful Privilege

#### Connect

Share your favorite moments or stories from the 2018 Winter Olympics? Tell the group about a time when you put a lot of effort into something only to come up short.

#### Grow

Read **Philippians 3:1-11 (NLT)**

1. *"Nothing is given, everything is earned."* How does this statement play out in American culture? What are some of the unintended consequences of that mentality?
2. What is grace and how do you obtain it? What makes grace Good News?
3. *Jesus + Anything = Nothing.* What rules, traditions, or beliefs are you tempted to add to Jesus' finished work on the cross? (Examples: Church attendance, tithing, serving)
4. Read **Philippians 3:9**. Where does confidence for salvation come from?
5. What are some credentials you lean on when it comes to your relationship with God? What did Paul have to say about these credentials (see **Philippians 3:7-8; Isaiah 64:6**).
6. Does grace mean that we don't put forth any effort? What should be the motivation for our effort?
7. If God's love is not based on our performance, then how should we live? What should characterize our lives?
8. Are you extending grace or rules to those closest to you? How can you better love those closest to you today?

#### Pray

Pray that your hearts will be open to receive all of God's grace. Ask God to put to rest the desire for accomplishments or performance and to free you to give God all you have because of His love.

#### Next

Grab a sheet of notebook paper. Make a list of all the accomplishments, activities, and traditions you find worth in. Mark through that list and write the word: GRACE. Crumble up that piece of paper and throw it in the garbage. Thank Jesus for saving you.