## Life in the Word

Cornerstone Sermon-based Life Group Lesson

Sermon Series: Church 101

Sermon Title: The Super Grace of God

Scripture Passage: **1 Timothy 1:15-17** 

## Getting Started

1) Read 1 Timothy 1:15-17 together. What has God been teaching you through this passage this week?

- 2) (This question is <u>NOT</u> to be shared with your group, it is for you <u>ALONE</u>) Personal reflection is good and very helpful in many cases as it brings us to a better understanding of our need for Jesus. It breaks down our self-sufficiency and forces us to look at the ugly truth of sin in our lives. However, it also brings the beautiful joy of the Gospel and the peace of true forgiveness. Takes some time for personal reflection this week and perhaps journal and/or pray through what you find.
- 3) Looking at Saul turned Paul, what is so encouraging about his life?

4) As people, we are very quick to judge someone for either not being fit for heaven (subconsciously) or that God could never do a work in them. We limit the redemptive and creative work of God. To quote my favorite Lord of the Rings line, "Not all those who wander are lost". How can we be more receptive to the moving of the Holy Spirit in others? How can we encourage others in their desire to know God?



| 5) | We are constantly doing ministryand that is not a bad thing. However, when we do it in our own strength, we become worn out, stressed, and we lose the joy of ministry. What does Paul say about where his strength comes from?   |
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| 6) | Think through Pastor Jerry's worm analogy. Why is it so hard to swallow that Jesus considered himself a worm at the cross? How much more does this impact how we view ourselves in light of his saving grace?   |
| 7) | Look at vs. 17. Paul, has been through some horrendous trials and yet says these things about God. What would you add to the list? How can we be more readily jumping to praise than to grumbling?  |
| 8) | Pray for one another this week as well as for the world and our Church and its leaders. Sometimes we are not willing to be moved or don't know how we need to be changed. Pray that the Lord will make you more willing than you are right now to be <i>his</i> work in progress. |