

LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK:

TAKING IT HOME

1. The deliverance Jesus offers is not only eternal deliverance from sin and death, but deliverance from hurts and habits now. What hurt or habit do you need deliverance from that your group could support you in prayer?

2. Be honest, what in your life are you more devoted to than Jesus? What steps do you need to take this week to address that and give Him first place in your life? How can our group pray for you in that?

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

Series: "First Free Goes to Broadway"

Message #2: The Significance of Redemption: Romans 3:21-24 & 1:14-17
With special highlight of Jean Valjean from Broadway musical "Les Miserables"

Speaker: Pastor Nat Crawford

This message is available on your phone/tablet through YouVersion app.

NOTES:

1. Introduction

2. To experience redemption, you need to recognize who you are...
a sinner.

3. Receiving God's grace is **spiritual life.**

4. God's grace redeems our **souls** and redeems our **lives.**

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QUICK REVIEW

Thinking through Pastor Nat's message, what point or idea did you need to hear most?

MY STORY

1. Have you ever seen a bumper sticker similar to "I'm not perfect, but I'm forgiven"? If you were to put your view of grace on a bumper sticker, what would it say?
2. Grace has become a popular baby name. When parents name their daughter Grace, what personality traits do you think they hope the child will display?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Pastor Nat's first point in his message was, "To experience grace... you must recognize who you are: A sinner separated from God and in desperate need of a Savior." In the story of *Les Miserables* to understand grace, Valjean had to be caught stealing.
 - a. Read Isaiah 53:4-5. Look at the use of the pronouns *He*, *Him*, *His*, and then *we* and *our*. This may be a familiar passage to you. However, look at it with fresh eyes. What did *He* do? What did *we* do? What was the outcome for Him? What was the outcome for us?
 - b. For those of us who have experienced Christ's salvation, is it right or wrong for us to remember that we are sinners? Why do you think this?
 - c. Read Romans 5:6-11. What words describe our condition apart from Christ? Using only this verse, describe the concept of grace.
2. Another of Pastor Nat's points was that God's grace redeems our lives. In *Les Miserables*, Valjean embraces grace and his life is redeemed; however, Javert rejects it and ends his life.
 - a. Read Psalm 32. What is the "before" attitude and the "after" attitude described in this Psalm?
 - b. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. How do these verses answer the question, "How then shall we live?"