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Main Idea

Christmas is not an event to memorialize in the past, but the beginning of a movement that is meant to revolutionize our lives in the present by the power of God's grace.

Starter

What is your all-time favorite Christmas movie?

Discuss

What is your biggest source of joy and biggest source of stress during the Christmas season?

Read

As a group read [John 1:14-18](#) and discuss:

- What does this passage say about God and what He wants for our lives?
- In your own words, what does it mean to receive God's grace? Why is grace so revolutionary?
- When did you first understand the grace of Jesus for you personally?

Share a time in your life recently when you needed to receive or show grace in a relationship with someone close to you.

Make sure to remind your group of the Gospel—that Jesus came to revolutionize our lives by the power of His grace. Grace is the undeserved gift of God's love, forgiveness, and presence in our life. Even though the world says we need to earn or create our own value, the good news of Christmas is that God saw us as valuable enough to give His life for. He wants to come into the messes of our lives with His grace to heal our hearts and to send us to show us grace to others wherever we go.

Apply

Have everyone take a minute to pause and pray about the following questions.

- What is one way you need to receive God's grace in your life right now?
- Who is one person God wants you to show more grace to this Christmas season?
- What is one step of faith you could take based on what God is saying to you this week?

In a minute or less, share what God puts on your heart. Then, spend time praying for each other.

*Don't forget to share the [Christmas Bingo game](#) with your group.