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Part 1 – God Saves Us

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### Introduction:

Valley Church exists to passionately **love God**, genuinely **love others** and **make disciples** of all people.

What is the Grace Works Pathway?\*

1. God \_\_\_\_\_ us
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3. God \_\_\_\_\_ us
4. God \_\_\_\_\_ us

### Grateful for our Salvation:

To be “saved” literally means to be \_\_\_\_\_

- Why do we need to be rescued?
- What do we need to be rescued from?

Sin = To miss the \_\_\_\_\_

We are all born with a sinful \_\_\_\_\_

We are created as 3-part beings:

- Body: the physical \_\_\_\_\_-suit
- Soul: the \_\_\_\_\_, will and emotions
- Spirit: the \_\_\_\_\_ being, true nature

Key Verses:

Galatians 2:20, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 6:23, John 3:16, Romans 3:23-24,  
Ephesians 2:8-10

As new creations, we are now Heaven-\_\_\_\_\_, made righteous by grace.

Righteousness is “goodness that is \_\_\_\_\_ enough for God.” (Dr. Bill Giovanetti)

\*These four concepts have been adapted from Dr. Bill Giovanetti and Neighborhood Church of Redding for application to our specific context at Valley Church.

## **SMALL GROUP Q'S**

### **Personal Life:**

1. Can you recall a time in your life when you were rescued from some kind of danger or peril? Share about that experience...

### **Ponderings:**

2. Adam's sinful nature being passed on to us is known in theological jargon as "federal headship." In other words, we are all negatively affected by his bad decision to sin. Some say this seems unfair?
  - Have you ever wrestled with feeling like Adam's sin nature being passed down is unfair? Explain...
  - In what other ways do we live every day under the reality that someone else's decision affects us, for better or worse? Discuss...
  - Read Romans 5:12-19 as a group. How does God's response to Adam's sin upon humanity address that feeling of "unfairness?" Discuss...
3. Giving specific examples, discuss how your new life in Christ is designed to impact your...
  - Day-to-day circumstances?
  - Relationships?
  - View of myself?
  - Things I'm responsible for (job, family, finances, etc.?)
4. When you think about the "Grace Pathway" (i.e. that God saves, blesses, grows and uses us), it is important to understand that while all of these realities are essential to life in Christ, they are not necessarily "linear" for everyone. Discuss how these four realities might occur in a different order in a person's life...

### **Promptings:**

5. Read 2 Corinthians 10:5 and Romans 12:1-2 as a group. In the week ahead, how can you begin to more diligently practice...
  - Making your thought life more obedient to Christ?
  - Replacing old thinking with new thinking and false thinking with true thinking?
6. What do we get to do this week with the information we have discovered and discussed? Give one example of how you, by God's grace, will choose to live as a new creation this week...