

## **DISCOVERING GRACE**

with Trey Etheridge from MPACT Ministries

## FOCUS VERSES

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:2

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

## DISCUSSION

Trey tells of a friend and co-worker, who he thought he knew, who committed suicide. He discovered after the fact that this person was an alcoholic, had lost his job, was bipolar.

- We often have no clue the demons people are dealing with.
- Have you ever had a similar situation, where you thought you knew someone and found out later that you really didn't know what they were dealing with at all?
- If so, how did that make you feel?

## Trey talks about the importance of small groups, where "the rubber meets the road."

- Do you have a small group where you have a sense of confidentiality? A sense of no judgment? A sense of no condemnation? A sense of transparency?
- Why do you feel that way? What hesitancies do you have opening up to those in your group? What makes you feel safe to be true self in a small group?

Paul talks about the fake façade we often put on for the rest of the world to see. He realized he spent more time trying to build out an image that actually trying to build his character.

• Do you have a fake façade you put in place for the world? What does it look like? Do you ever take it off? If so, who are



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